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[REDACTED] Asst. Special Agent in Charge,
U.S. Secret Service, Seattle, was contacted 4/24/72.

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[REDACTED] was shown 3 copies of \$20 bills, serial
numbers as follows:

L 54904730 A

L 33529797 A

L 20168977 A

and [REDACTED] provided the following information when asked
whether it could be determined if in fact these \$20 bills
were real or not.

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[REDACTED] stated the 12 appearing on the side of the
\$20 bills, meant the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco,
California, and that the serial number would begin with the
12th letter of the alphabet, which in this instance is the
letter "L".

[REDACTED] advised that an experienced photographer
could reproduce any serial number desired on this \$20 -ill

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[REDACTED] This is a method
which is used by counterfeiters according to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further advised that he does not believe
it is possible to determine if the bills set forth as copies
are real or not unless an original is seen. On the original
it is then possible to look for certain characteristics
which will appear on true bills based on the printing process
used by the Government.

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It was noted for [REDACTED] by the writer, that on
one of the bills the "9" appears smaller than on the other
two bills. HARDY stated this could happen and sometimes

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does where the bills are reproduced due to a change in the numbering system for the plate. [] stated that he suggests we contact the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D.C., and they should be able to determine or tell us of this style "9" was used on the original bills that were produced that particular year.

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[redacted] Sheriff's
Office, [redacted], Nevada, advised his department
under file number [redacted] has records reflecting that
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that fingerprints of [redacted]
were returned from the FBI Identification Division
with a notation to the effect there was no criminal
arrest records on file with the FBI.

Background data on [redacted] reflects that
he is a white male, born [redacted]
[redacted], five feet [redacted] inches, 160 pounds, brown
hair, brown eyes, [redacted]

He listed the following residences:



Fingerprints records returned by California
State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation,
Sacramento, California under number [redacted] reflect
[redacted] was fingerprinted by [redacted] Sheriff's

On 11/30/71 at [redacted], Nevada File # LV 164-60

by SA [redacted] mtc

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1Date 12/1/71[redacted]
advised her files reflect [redacted][redacted] Nevada, worked [redacted]
[redacted]She stated he has Social Security Number
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On 11/30/71 at [redacted] Nevada File # LV 164-60by SA THOMAS J. WILLIAMS/sf Date dictated 11/30/71b6
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[redacted] advise
[redacted] Nevada, [redacted]
[redacted] Nevada, [redacted]
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[redacted] further advised [redacted] had telephone number
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[redacted] Nevada.

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b7Cby SA THOMAS J. WILLIAMS:kmcDate dictated 11/30/71

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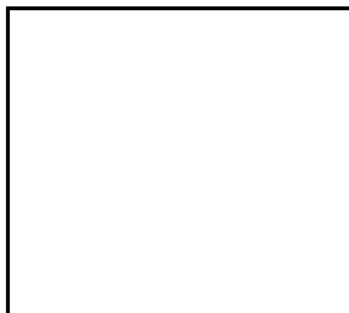
[redacted] Division of Drivers License,
Department of Motor Vehicles, [redacted] Nevada,
advised that Nevada drivers license [redacted] is a
valid Nevada drivers license issued to [redacted]

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number unknown.

[redacted] was described as:

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Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Height:
Weight:
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Social Security
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On 11/30/71 at [redacted] Nevada File # LV 164-60b6
b7Cby SA [redacted] jr Date dictated 12/1/71

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Date 12/1/71

WILLIAM A. SCOTT, residence 262 Peninsula Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone Liberty 5-5524, was interviewed at the Reno Airport, Reno, Nevada, on the late evening of November 24, 1971, and early morning hours of November 25, 1971. He advised that he was the captain on Northwest Airlines Flight 305.

Captain SCOTT advised that he was present during the interview of all of his crew members and that events, as supplied by them, were correct to the best of his recollection and he had no pertinent additional information to provide at this time. He added that he personally had no direct contact or observation of the hijacker and was, therefore, unable to provide a physical description.

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On 11/24/71 at Reno, Nevada File # LV 164-60
by SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR. and
SA H. E. HINDERLITER, JR. (HEH:skh) Date dictated 11/30/71

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[redacted] Stewardess, indicated to Special Agents JOHN F. RICKS and ALF T. STOUSLAND the two seats which she had observed to be occupied by the unknown subject. Thereafter, those areas were processed for fingerprints. In addition the telephone, the area around the rear door, the rear door and four plastic drinking glasses found in the trash receptacle by the back door were also processed for fingerprints. Fingerprint impressions obtained were all initialed by SA STOUSLAND. In addition, a cloth towel affixed to the rear of one of the seats reportedly occupied by the unknown subject was removed and initialed by SA STOUSLAND. On that towel was noted what appeared to be a short human hair.

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SA JOHN F. RICKS

by SA ALF T. STOUSLAND ATs:js

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The ash tray from the seat reportedly occupied by the unknown subject was examined and noted to contain a number of cork tipped cigarette butts. Those cigarette butts were obtained by SA JOHN F. RICKS.

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[redacted] Chief, Reno Tower, Federal Aviation Administration, Reno, Nevada, 1900 National Guard Way, Reno, Nevada 89502, made available a transcript of the taped radio conversations between Reno Tower and Northwest Airlines, flight 305, which had been hijacked while enroute from Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington.

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[redacted] stated that all times appearing on the transcript are Greenwich Mean Time and that this can be converted to Pacific Standard Time by subtracting eight hours. He also stated that the "31" referred to in the conversation is the transponder code "3100" indicating that the aircraft has been hijacked. The Code 11 is a standard transponder code for an aircraft on instruments. The C 130 referred to is an Air Rescue aircraft in the vicinity of the Northwest Airlines aircraft.

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Date November 26, 1971

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] on November 24, 1971 at Seattle - Tacoma Airport. [redacted] identified himself as [redacted] Northwest Airlines, Sea-Tac, Seattle, Washington. He can be reached at telephone number [redacted].

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On November 24, 1971, [redacted] advised that he received information sometime after 3:00 p.m. that a Northwest Airlines flight from Portland enroute to Seattle - Tacoma Airport was being hijacked. He was further advised that the hijacker wanted \$200,000.00 in cash and four parachutes in exchange for releasing the passengers on this flight. [redacted] stated this money was obtained and sometime after 6:00 p.m. he and a Seattle Police Department detective proceeded toward the hijacked aircraft at the end of a runway at Sea-Tac in a vehicle bearing a flight of stairs adjustable to the hijacked aircraft. [redacted] stated the vehicle approached the aircraft and parked at "10 o'clock to the cockpit." [redacted] was in two-way radio contact with the aircraft's captain at this time. The air stairs were placed in position at the aircraft's front door and almost simultaneously a fuel truck began refueling the aircraft.

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Immediately thereafter, one stewardess described as being blond, 5'6" and possibly named [redacted] came down the steps and approached [redacted] gave [redacted] the satchel full of money and she returned into the plane. [redacted] only remark to [redacted] was [redacted] After [redacted] reboarded the plane the passengers began deplaning. After the passengers were off [redacted] made several trips from the plane to the vehicle bearing [redacted] where she obtained four parachutes from [redacted] and carried them inside the plane. In the meantime several fueling trucks had attempted to refuel the aircraft without success. However, the third truck secured a successful hookup and almost completed the fueling job. During the fueling, two of the three stewardesses on board this flight were allowed to depart the aircraft, however, [redacted] stayed aboard. During this entire time [redacted] stated that the lights in the aft section of the plane remained out. [redacted] stated that he did not hear the hijacker giving instructions nor any other identifiable noises from within the aircraft.

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by SA [redacted] /j15 Date dictated 11/26/71

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After the fueling was completed the air stairs were removed and [] with the detective, returned to the terminal.

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[] stated that all other information he has regarding the hijacking was received by him from other Northwest Airlines personnel and was not personally observed, except for the set of facts related herein.

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1Date 11/29/71

On this date, the reporting Agent made available to

[redacted] of Nellis Air Force Base, a parachute which had been opened and abandoned on a Boeing 727 Northwest Orient airplane, at Reno, Nevada, on the night of November 24, 1971.

[redacted] at Nellis Air Force Base and [redacted]

[redacted]. In the presence of the reporting Agent, these men examined said parachute, and announced that prior to its having been released from its container by someone pulling the rip cord, it was in operational condition and could have been utilized for a parachute jump. They advised that someone had cut the lines attaching the chute itself to the canvas pack it was originally packed in. They also noted that while the nylon chute itself was in good condition, two of the 24 nylon lines attaching same to the canvas pack had been cut and removed. They advised that this type of parachute was generally used by sky jumpers inasmuch as the pilot chute had been removed and removal was noted on the inspection card contained in a pocket of the canvas pack. This card identified the parachute as a 24 foot Ripstock type; DA-58-53912 as the serial number; manufactured in October 1959; owned by the [redacted] Issaquah, Washington. This card showed that the parachute had been inspected and repacked on September 16, 1971, at Issaquah, Washington, by Rigger E. S. COSSEY, Riggers License Number 1579638.

[redacted] stated that his expert opinion that said parachute was in operational condition prior to its release from its canvas pack by the pulling of the rip cord was contingent on the fact that no one had opened and repacked said parachute subsequent to its having been inspected and repacked by Rigger E. S. COSSEY as noted on the inspection card record contained in the canvas pack at time of his examination. He advised that all riggers of parachutes are licensed and when they sign the inspection card they are certifying that said parachute is packed so as to be in a life saving condition. Therefore, he is of the opinion that whoever pulled the rip cord and released the chute from its canvas pack, then proceeded to cut the shroud lines frge of the canvas pack and also cut and removed two of the shroud lines.

On 11/26/71 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada File # LV 64-86131971

by SA FRANCIS J. SCHMIDT - tlw Date dictated 11/26/71

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Date 12/1/71

On this date [redacted] and [redacted], Penneys Store Number 44 located on Maryland Parkway, were interviewed by the reporting agent. They were shown a black snap-on tie with a Towncraft label and #3 Penneys also on the label.

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[redacted] advised that to his knowledge it would be impossible to tell at what store or location same was purchased. He stated that the #3 signified that the tie sold for one dollar and a half. He advised that the tie was of polyester material and washable and as such was a favorite item worn by waiters or busboys or bartenders.

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[redacted] checked the tie counter of that store and exhibited the same type of tie, as to color and material and snap on, but this tie was approximately two and one half times the width of the one shown to him by the reporting agent. He stated that it has been at least a year, and probably a year and a half, since that store handled the narrow type. He advised that these ties are not a dress-type tie but usually worn by working people. He advised that these ties are usually purchased by that store in bulk orders of thirty to forty dozen at a time.

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Regarding the tie clasp with the imitation pearl centerpiece, attached to the tie, they concurred in advising that they would have no way knowing where it had been manufactured or sold.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription November 30, 1971

S. LEWIS WALLICK, a Test Pilot employed by The Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington, telephone 655-4031, furnished the following information:

He was the Chief Test Pilot on the Boeing 727 project and he conducted the flight testing of this aircraft.

On several occasions during this testing he intentionally lowered the rear stairs under the tail of the aircraft while in flight. The effect of lowering these stairs in flight was hardly noticeable on the controls and the only positive indication he had that the stairs were lowered was the lighting of an indicator light on the instrument panel. The stairs were lowered at a speed of 150 knots. While the stairs were lowered the plane remained in the same attitude. There was no yawing or pitching.

He furnished the following opinions in connection with the question of whether or not a pilot would feel in his controls a sudden loss of weight of approximately 180 pounds from the tail of a 727. He advised that if the pilot were flying the aircraft manually and if the air were calm, he would feel a sudden loss of 180 pounds weight from the tail of the aircraft. He explained that the loss of this weight would move the center of gravity toward the front of the airplane and while this movement would be slight, it could be felt in the wheel by the pilot. He stated, however, that if the air were turbulent, it is doubtful that the pilot would feel this sudden loss of weight. He indicated also that if the plane were being flown on auto-pilot the loss of this weight would not be felt by the pilot.

He advised that if the rear stairs on a 727 is lowered in flight at an altitude of less than 10,000 feet a change in pressurization occurs and this could be felt by the crew if the door leading into the cockpit is open. If the cockpit door were closed, it is doubtful that the crew would experience the change in pressurization.

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by SA [redacted]/rmh Date dictated 11/30/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/1/71

[redacted] residence [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted], was inter-
viewed at the Reno Airport, Reno, Nevada, on the late
evening of November 24, 1971 and early morning hours of
November 25, 1971. He [redacted]
[redacted] on Northwest Airlines Flight 305.

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[redacted] noted that he was present during the
interviews of hostess [redacted] and third officer [redacted]
[redacted] and concurred with the information as supplied
by them.

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He recalled that the hijacker had indicated the
bomb had an electrical fuse and instructed the hostess that
radio transmissions be limited as much as possible so that
they would not set it off.

He advised that the landing at Seattle was made
at 5:45 P.M., Pacific Standard Time, and that the hijacker
had indicated that once the money and parachutes were
brought on board and that re-fueling was simultaneously
taking place, the passengers would be permitted to depart.

[redacted] also stated that there was a delay on the
ground in securing the chest-type parachutes and when they
did not arrive as quickly as had been hoped for, the crew,
through hostess [redacted] requested permission to land anyway
without them and the hijacker refused permission for same.
At some point in negotiations with the hijacker, he indicated
an awareness that parachutes would be obtained from McChord
Air Force Base and indicated that it was only 20 miles away
from the Seattle Airport.

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[redacted] added that after take-off at 7:36 P.M.,
they received a call from the hijacker around 7:42 P.M.,
at which time he indicated that he was unable to get the
stairs lowered in flight. They then slowed down the aircraft
air speed and subsequently observed the cockpit signal
light that the rear stairs were down. At that time the Captain
instructed the hijacker to sound the bell on the intercom
in the event he wished to make any further contact with them,
which he agreed to do.

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SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR. and
by SA H. E. HINDERLITER, JR. (HNN:skh)

Date dictated 11/30/71

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 12/1/71

[redacted] residence [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed at the Reno Airport, Reno, Nevada, on the late evening of November 24, 1971, and early morning hours of November 25, 1971. He [redacted] on Northwest Airlines Flight 305.

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[redacted] advised that according to some notes he had made concerning the incident, it was at 2759 Zulu time or 3:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time that he received an emergency signal from hostess [redacted] on the intercom with a series of bells signaling that they had trouble on board. They had a pre-arranged flight signal for such emergencies and he made a notation in his book of the time of this notification.

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Almost immediately thereafter, he received a note from [redacted] advising she thought they were being hijacked and added she was not kidding.

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Subsequently, hostess [redacted] brought a note on what appeared to be a standard 6 x 9 tablet written with a felt pen as well as an envelope that had notations also containing the figure \$200,000, two back parachutes, two chest packs and under it a time of 5:00 p.m.

Hostess [redacted] then went back to the compartment and sat with the hijacker at which time he insisted that all of the above items be physically present and waiting for them at the Seattle Airport upon their arrival and prior to their landing.

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[redacted] received the impression that the above hijacking had been carefully thought out in advance in that the hijacker specified that the money was to be furnished in a knapsack and even insisted that a discarded match cover be returned to him. He also insisted on the return of the original note and the envelope and appeared especially careful to see that nothing of his was left behind.

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[redacted], residence [redacted], was interviewed at the Reno Airport, Reno, Nevada, on the late evening of November 24, 1971, and early morning hours of November 25, 1971. She identified herself as a hostess on Northwest Airlines Flight 305.

Shortly after takeoff from Portland, Oregon, en route to Seattle, Washington, in the afternoon hours of November 24, 1971, a male passenger on the flight, who was seated [redacted], gave a note to Hostess [redacted] showed the note to Hostess [redacted], who was also in the rear passenger compartment. The note indicated that the male individual was hijacking the plane and wanted the hostess to sit beside him. The note further indicated that he had a bomb and wanted \$200,000.00. [redacted] stated she went back to the male passenger seated [redacted] with the note, at which time he indicated that he was hijacking the plane and was not kidding. He added that he wanted "no funny stuff". He had a black attache-type case in his lap, which case was partially open and he had his hand inside same. At this time [redacted] sat down alongside the individual in seat [redacted] and after lighting a cigarette for the passenger, she told him that they would cooperate. Her best recollection is that it was while he told her he wanted no kidding and no funny stuff that he first partially opened the attache case and permitted her to see the contents. She recalls the contents as approximately eight cylindrical objects about six to eight inches long with four of the items being placed on top of the others and banded together with some kind of tape. She also recalled some covered and uncovered wiring running from the cylindrical objects to a dry cell type battery which had terminals on one end. She could not recall whether the wires were connected to the terminals. The battery was described as approximately eight inches long and about two and one-half inches in diameter. She stated that she had the impression upon observing the contents of the attache case that it was

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dynamite; however, she is unfamiliar with the appearance of dynamite and could only describe it as stated above, adding that it was of a reddish rusty color. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then advised the pilot's compartment of the fact the plane was being hijacked via the intercom. She used the intercom while remaining in her seat inasmuch as it was close by and she could reach same from her seated position. It was with a pre-arranged signal of bells that she so advised the pilot's compartment. ~~She also~~ at that time on a plain envelope wrote out the demands of the hijacker, listing that he wanted four parachutes including two back packs and two chest packs, \$200,000.00 in cash in small bills and that he wanted all this "by five o'clock". She recalls that [REDACTED] delivered this note to the pilot's compartment inasmuch as the hijacker insisted that she be physically present alongside him at all times. She recalled that she sat with him almost the entire time of the flight.

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[REDACTED] recalled that during the flight from Portland to Seattle, all passengers were moved at least three rows forward from where the hijacker was seated. She stated that at one time he commented that "the bomb" he had was electrically fused and he certainly hoped the crew would not generate any electrical currents which would trigger it. In response to her query as to why he had chosen a Northwest airplane to hijack, she related his statement to the effect that he had "a grudge" but not against Northwest Airlines, adding that the Northwest plane just happened to be in the right place at the right time. In response to her query at one time during their conversation as to where he came from, [REDACTED] stated the hijacker was adamant in his refusal to answer and seemed somewhat provoked by the question. [REDACTED] recalled that frequently during her conversation with the hijacker he kept reminding her that the crew should attempt "nothing funny" and each time she assured him that he would receive the full cooperation of the crew.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)

UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper
HIJACKING NORTHWEST FLIGHT #305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: Seattle

Enclosed, herewith, for Seattle are two
copies each of FD-302s and inserts of all investigation
conducted to date by the Las Vegas Division, copies
of which have not previously been forwarded to Seattle:

INTERVIEW OF CREW:

11/24/71 SA H.E. HINDERLITER, JR.
SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR.

Hostess

11/24/71 SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR.
SA H. E. HINDERLITER, JR.

11/24/71 SAC, HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR.
SA H. E. HINDERLITER, JR.

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LV 164-60

WILLIAM A. SCOTT
Captain Flight #305

EXAMINATION OF PLANE:

11/25/71 SA JOHN F. RICKS
SA ALF T. STOUSLAND

[REDACTED]

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11/25/71 SA JOHN F. RICKS

Examination of ash tray

11/26/71 SA DENNIS J. BARRY, JR.

[REDACTED]

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Reno, Nevada airport

SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION:

11/26/71 SA FRANCIS J. SCHMIDT

Examination of parachute

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11/24/71 [REDACTED] Reno Airport

SA [REDACTED]

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11/24/71 [REDACTED] Northwest
Airlines, Seattle, Washington, telephonically

SA [REDACTED]

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11/29/71

[REDACTED]

Penneys Store Number 44

SA FRANCIS J. SCHMIDT

11/30/71

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nevada
SA THOMAS J. WILLIAMS

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE
BUfile 164-2111

Re Las Vegas airtel to Seattle dated 12/3/71.

In reviewing referenced airtel and material enclosed therewith, it is noted the following FD-302s were not received:

Interview of [redacted]
[redacted] Reno, Nevada Airport, on
11/26/71, by SA DENNIS J. BARRY, JR.

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Interview of [redacted] Reno Airport,
on 11/24/71, by SA [redacted]

Interview of [redacted] Northwest
Airlines, Seattle, Washington (telephonically) on 11/24/71,
by SA [redacted]

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Enclosed for Las Vegas is the original copy of an
FD-302 dated 12/1/71, re observation of [redacted] on
11/30/71, which was inadvertently sent to Seattle.

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Las Vegas is requested to immediately forward to
Seattle, the above-mentioned FD-302s.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 3, 1971

[redacted] residing at the home of [redacted]
[redacted], provided the following information:

On November 24, 1971, while employed as a stewardess for Northwest Airlines, she flew on Flight 305 which originated in Washington, D. C., arrived at Minneapolis, Minn., about 10 a.m., and she boarded shortly thereafter. She said the crew for her flight were Pilot WILLIAM SCOTT, [redacted]

[redacted] Senior Stewardess
[redacted] B Stewardess [redacted] and C Stewardess
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that her flight departed Minneapolis, Minn., at 10:35 Central Standard Time, with a light load, less than half, and flew to Great Falls, Montana, then to Missoula, Montana, then to Spokane, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. She said that the aircraft departed Portland, Oregon at 2:53 Pacific Time, and arrived two hours and fifty-three minutes later at Seattle which is normally a 36 minute flight.

Just before the [redacted] gave the word for take off from Portland, [redacted] took a beverage form to the aft jump seat. There was a man in seat 18 E, middle right aft passenger seat, and as she, [redacted], faced the barrier strip, she observed [redacted] dropping a note, stand up, and unfasten the barrier strip and sit down next to the man in seat 18 E. [redacted] appeared emotional in that she was trying to speak to her, was moving her lips, but other than [redacted] no other words came out.

[redacted] picked up the note lying at her feet and read it which, to the best of her recollection, is as follows:

"Miss, I am hijacking this plane. I have a bomb. Sit next to me."

The aircraft lifted off the runway at 2:58 and [redacted] used the interphone to advise the pilot the ship was being

On 12/1-2/71 at [redacted] File # Philadelphia 164-133
by SA [redacted] JWC/lss Date dictated 12/3/71
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The following personnel at Northwest Airlines, SeaTac International Airport, were interviewed on December 6, 1971, by SA EDWARD J. ANDERSON, regarding the Opaque polyethylene bag alluded to in the Sacramento airtel to Seattle, November 29, 1971. Each stated that the type bag displayed is not the standard type used by Northwest Airlines nationwide. It is possible that this bag may have been substituted aboard #305 on November 24, 1971, by airline personnel somewhere along the line, but it is highly improbable:

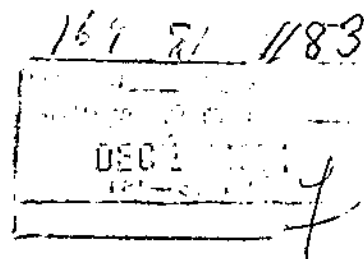
Service;

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/9/71

Airlines [redacted] Northwest
[redacted], SeaTac International Airport, Seattle,
Washington, provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that a postcard [redacted]
[redacted], Northwest Airlines, SeaTac International
Airport, Seattle, Washington, was being temporarily held by
him pending inspection by FBI Agents. He thought it unusual that
[redacted] mail at Seattle, inasmuch as [redacted]
[redacted]. The text of the message reads, "Do you know about
my misrepresentation?" and was signed by [redacted]
The return address was [redacted] and was
postmarked November 28, 1971, with a November 27, 1971, date
written on the message side.

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[redacted] provided three copies of the postcard to
SA EDWARD J. ANDERSON, stating that he would forward the card
to [redacted] in Minneapolis by company mail.

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Interviewed on 12/6/71 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81-485
by SA EDWARD J. ANDERSON/slb Date dictated 12/8/71

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/14/71

[redacted] Seattle Times
Newspaper, Fairview North and John Street, Seattle, Washington,
furnished the following information:

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[redacted] said that the Seattle Times Newspaper received a letter allegedly mailed to the newspaper by D. B. COOPER. He said that this letter was received on December 13, 1971. He said the letter was received by regular mail and handled in a routing manner by the receiving department of the newspaper. He said the letter had been brought to his attention by an employee in the receiving department whose job it was to route the mail to the correct department. [redacted] furnished this letter to the interviewing Agent.

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Interviewed on 12/13/71 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81 - 491 *Sub 9*

by [redacted] jlb Date dictated 12/13/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 12/1/71

On November 25, 1971, Special Agent (SA) [] handed a brown manila envelope containing a film canister to United Airlines Captain [] of [] Virginia. Captain [] telephone number is []. Captain [] was the flight captain on United Airlines Flight [] which departed from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport at 1:05 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, and arrived at Friendship Airport at ten minutes after 10:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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Captain [] was advised of the writer's identity and the general nature of the package which was handed to him. He was also advised that there would be another special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on hand to meet his flight when it arrived at Friendship Airport and to relieve him of the package which was handed to him by the writer.

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The film canister which was handed to Captain [] contained a microfilm upon which was recorded the serial numbers of all the bills which were given to the hijacker of Northwest Airlines Flight #305, which was hijacked out of Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1971. The film canister was obtained from Seattle-First National Bank, Main Branch, Seattle, Washington, on November 25, 1971.

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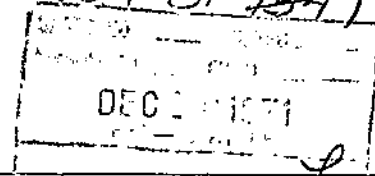
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by SA [] mlc Date dictated 12/1/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 3, 1971

[redacted]
[redacted] Northwest Airlines, Inc., furnished the following information:

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On 11/25/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # MP 164-73
by SA [redacted] :lab Date dictated 11/30/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 15, 1971

[redacted]
[redacted] Northwest Airlines, Inc., advised that after reviewing his notes and technical records concerning the operation of Northwest Airlines Flight 305 on November 24, 1971, he had drawn the following conclusions concerning the possible vicinity where the hijacker bailed out of the aircraft and the possible area in which he landed. [redacted] furnished a map with an overlay of the hijacker's landing area.

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On 12/4/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # 164-73by SA [redacted] :lab Date dictated 12/9/71b6
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Date: 12/16/71

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Seattle airtel to Minneapolis dated 12/10/71.

Enclosed herewith for Seattle are FD-302's
reflecting interviews with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Northwest Airlines,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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1Date 12/6/71

[redacted] Reno Evening Gazette, Reno, Nevada, advised a note had been received in the paper's afternoon mail. He said the envelope in which the note was mailed was postmarked US Postal Service, CA, 956, PM, December 1, 1971, and was addressed to Reno Gazette, Reno, Nevada. The note is on a piece of lined paper and has words cut from newspapers pasted on the paper to say "Plan Ahead for Retirement Income D. B. Cooper".

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[redacted] said that [redacted] himself were the only persons at the Gazette who handled the note.

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b7COn 12/2/71 at Reno, NevadaFile # LV 164-60Sub. Qby SA [redacted] :mtcDate dictated 12/6/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/71

On this date, the below listed individuals examined a Boeing Aircraft, Type 727, which belongs to Northwest Orient Airlines, and which had been utilized as their flight number 305 on that date. This examination took place at 11:25 P.M. at the Municipal Airport in Reno, Nevada.

Prior to the initiation of this search, information had been furnished to the below agents by a member of the crew who had flown this airplane into the Reno airport to the effect that the unknown subject involved in the hi-jacking of this airplane had been seated in the rear right-hand window seat of this plane.

Upon boarding this aircraft, it was determined that the rear row of seats on this airplane were numbered 18, and the right window seat was designated 18F. On the seat numbered 18E a black clip-on tie was observed. This black tie contained a tie clasp, yellow gold in color with a white pearl circular stone in the center. The label on this tie indicated it to be a "Towncraft" tie and bore the store name of Penneys Number 3. It further bore a label showing it to be a "Snapper" patent type tie. On the floor directly in front of seat number 18D, the exterior canvas cover for a chest type parachute was observed along with the handle utilized for releasing this parachute. The label on this canvas covering indicated it to be Pack Part Number 4511876B and indicated the date of manufacture to have been October, (year illegible). The flap on this canvas exterior contained a sewn on white label with the notation SSS # 5 and COSS. This flap had also been stenciled with the name JOHNSON.

An opened parachute which apparently had been removed from the canvas parachute cover described above was found spread out over seats 17C and 17B. This parachute was of a pink-orange color.

On seat 18B, an unopened back type parachute was observed. A card in the pocket of this parachute reflected it to be a Conacol type parachute, number 60-9707 and made by the Pioneer Parachute Company. This card indicated it was last inspected on May 21, 1971.

On 11/24/71 at Reno, NevadaFile # LV 164-60by SA FRANCIS J. SCHMIDT: SA [redacted]SA [redacted]

FJS:jd

Date dictated 11/26/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/71

[redacted], Northwest Airlines, Seattle, Washington, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] at United Airlines, Reno, Nevada, and furnished the following information:

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The Boeing 727 aircraft, formerly Northwest Airlines Flight 305, had been hijacked earlier in the day while en route to Seattle, Washington, from Portland, Oregon. The airplane landed at Seattle where the hijacker requested \$200,000.00 and four parachutes, two chest packs and two back packs. After the money was delivered to the hijacker in a knapsack, passengers and two of the stewardesses were allowed to deplane.

At Seattle the hijacker had specified there were to be no police or fire equipment when the plane landed. He requested an unmarked car and a representative of the airline would be allowed to approach the aircraft from a ten o'clock relative position. The only other equipment to go near the aircraft was to be the air stairs and refueling equipment.

At takeoff the hijacker had directed the aircraft to be flown at 10,000 feet with the rear door down, and flaps and landing gear down.

[redacted] requested the following:

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1. No equipment with beacon lights be in evidence at Reno Airport when the aircraft landed.
2. No uniformed officers or crowds of spectators be visible from the aircraft.
3. That [redacted] United Airlines [redacted] and one other individual, who could be an FBI Agent, meet the aircraft on landing in an unmarked automobile and that this automobile approach the aircraft from a relative position of ten o'clock

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On 11/24/71 at Reno, NevadaFile # LV 164-60 164-81-4466by SA [redacted] - tlwDate dictated 11/26/71b6
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/26/71

[redacted], Reno International Airport, Reno, Nevada, advised the Northwest Airlines 727 Flight 305 would park on the ramp approximately 150 yards east of the airport terminal building. He said no vehicles other than service vehicles would be permitted on the ramp or runway except for FBI vehicles or those authorized on the airport by the FBI.

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On 11/24/71 at Reno, Nevada File # LV 164-60by SA [redacted] - tlw Date dictated 11/26/71b6
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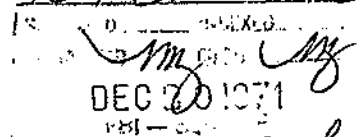
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/71

[redacted] Nevada State Air National Guard, Reno Airport, Reno, Nevada, advised that after examining a parachute which was found on the Northwest airplane, which was hi-jacked in Seattle, Washington on November 24, 1971, and landed in Reno, Nevada, that this parachute was a 1960 model, 24 feet in length, Conacol type commercial parachute, manufactured by the Pioneer Parachute Company. [redacted] stated that this parachute was in very good condition and capable of being operated at any time. [redacted] also found a white card located in a pocket on this parachute, which indicated that this parachute was inspected on May 21, 1971 by E.J. COSSEY, Riggers, license number 1579638. This card also listed the name of the Brown Engineering Company, Post Office Box 1436, Patterson, California, 95363.

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b7cOn 11/26/71 at Reno, Nevada File # LV 164-60by SA DENNIS J. BARRY, JR.: jd Date dictated 11/26/71

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Date: 12/15/71

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)(P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
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OO: Seattle

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Re Las Vegas airtel to Seattle dated 12/3/71,
and Seattle airtel to Las Vegas dated 12/8/71.

Enclosed herewith for Seattle are two copies
of FD-302 interview of Sgt. [redacted], two copies
of interview of [redacted], 11/24/71, and two copies
of FD-302 interview of [redacted], on 11/24/71, all of
should have been enclosed with referenced Las Vegas airtel.

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In addition, enclosed are two copies of FD-302
search of Boeing Aircraft on 11/24/71, by Las Vegas Agents
and also interview of [redacted] on 12/2/71, for completion
of Seattle files.

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Investigation continuing Las Vegas

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/22/71

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DONALD ELMORE TURNER, 2314 Churchill Drive, Mobile, Alabama, telephone 478-3441, was interviewed at the home of his father, HENRY ELMORE TURNER, 1958 Cottage Court, Mobile, Alabama. He was advised that he was being interviewed in regard to the hijacking of Northwest Airlines Flight 305 on November 24, 1971. TURNER furnished the following information:

Mr. TURNER advised that during early summer of 1971, he was employed by Valley Helicopter, Post Office Box 505, Twisp, Washington, as general manager. He said that he flew the company's only "hot" helicopter and did spraying and fertilizing work for the Department of Agriculture. He said that in June, 1970, he had a [redacted] Valley Helicopter, when he took the helicopter to Great Falls, Montana, for a spraying job. He said that [redacted] he left the helicopter in Great Falls and returned to Mobile, Alabama, quitting work with Valley Helicopter. He said, however, that he still is part owner in the company since he holds stock.

Mr. TURNER said that on November 16, 1971, he was employed by a branch office of Teledyne Novia Offshore, which is located in New Iberia, Louisiana. He was hired as a power plant engineer and would do all electrical work and run the powerhouse on offshore drilling rigs. He said that on November 19, 1971, he left Intercoastal City, Louisiana, by helicopter to work on an offshore drilling rig 65 miles south of Intercoastal City. He said that he landed on the rig with 22 other persons until December 4, 1971, at which time he returned to Intercoastal City by helicopter.

He said that during this time he did not leave the rig. TURNER advised that his supervisors were [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] maintained personnel records at the Teledyne Novia Offshore Office in New Iberia which would list the names and addresses of all other persons on the rig between November 19, 1971, and December 4, 1971. TURNER said that [redacted] Louisiana, and [redacted] Louisiana.

Interviewed on 12/22/71 at Mobile, AlabamaFile # MO 184-34by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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Date dictated 12/22/71

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He said that he felt that all of these persons could verify his whereabouts on November 24, 1971.

DONALD TURNER advised that he was a paratrooper with the United States Army from 1960 to 1963, assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He also said that he was a flight mechanic from November of 1950 to November of 1953, at Fairbanks, Alaska, and from February 1954 to April 1955, at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. He said that he has flown fixed-wing aircraft before but has never flown jets.

The following information was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	DONALD ELMORE TURNER
Address	2314 Churchill Drive Mobile, Alabama
Telephone	478-3441
Date of birth	April 11, 1933
Place of birth	Deer Park, Alabama
Social Security Number	417-38-8704
Wife	
Children	
Father	HENRY ELMORE TURNER 58 Cottage Court Mobile, Alabama
Employment	Teledyne Moviable Offshore New Iberia, Louisiana
Drivers License Number	Alabama 2692872
Race	White
Sex	Male
Eyes	Black
Hair	Brown
Weight	180 pounds
Height	5'10"
Complexion	Medium
Build	Stocky

TURNER furnished a photograph taken of him in 1970.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/22/71

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Interviewed on 12/22/71 at Mobile, Alabama File # MO 164-34-16
by SA [redacted] LEK : mrc Date dictated 12/22/71

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He said that he felt that all of these persons could verify his whereabouts on November 24, 1971.

DONALD TURNER advised that he was a paratrooper with the United States Army from 1960 to 1963, assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He also said that he was a flight mechanic from November of 1950 to November of 1953, at Fairbanks, Alaska, and from February 1954 to April 1955, at Davis Montham Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. He said that he has flown fixed-wing aircraft before but has never flown jets.

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Eyes	Black
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Weight	180 pounds
Height	5'10"
Complexion	Medium
Build	Stocky

TURNER furnished a photograph taken of him in 1970.

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (164-34) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK

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Enclosed for New Orleans are six copies and for Seattle two copies of FD-302 reflecting interview with DONALD E. TURNER, 2314 Churchill Drive, Mobile, Alabama, on December 22, 1971. Also enclosed for New Orleans and Seattle are two copies each of photograph of TURNER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

December 8, 1971

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[redacted] Northwest Orient Airlines, was interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] and furnished the following information.

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At approximately 2:00 p.m., November 24, 1971, a white male came up to him in regular rotation in a long line of customers and said something to the effect, "Can I get on your flight to Seattle?" [redacted] noticed no nervousness or fidgeting. [redacted] asked if he wanted one way coach and he said "Yes." The white male paid with a \$20 bill, probably using his right hand in paying for the fare. The source of money from his pockets was not noted. When asked his name the white male said "COOPER, DAN COOPER". When asked if he had baggage, he said "No." It was not noticed whether or not he was carrying anything. After receiving instructions to flight area, the white male departed from the ticket counter area, his direction was unnoticed. [redacted] said he has never seen the male since.

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The white male was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	Mid 30's, possibly older
Height	5'10" or 5'11"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Characteristics	Soft voice, Not noted wearing glasses
Complexion	Slightly darker, possibly Olive
Hair	Dark, no gray noted
Clothing	Dark clothing, but only recalled what he believed to be a casual jacket, headwear was unnoticed
Overall impression	Laboring type man as opposed to office worker.

[redacted] was unsure if he would recognize the man again as this man was one of many he handled that day.

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The \$20 bill was co-mingled and unavailable.

On 11/24/71 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 164-41

by SA [redacted] and
SA [redacted] KBM:tam

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Date of transcription 12/17/71

[redacted]
Seattle - Tacoma Airport provided a handwritten log of radio communications between Northwest Orient Air Operations at Seattle - Tacoma Airport, Northwest Orient Air Operations at Minneapolis and Northwest Orient Flight 305 made on the evening of November 24, 1971 by Northwest Orient employee [redacted].

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Also made available at the same time by [redacted], b6
were two additional logs of events which were prepared by b7c
Northwest employees. The six page log was prepared by [redacted].

A two page log which relates primarily to the [redacted]
[redacted] of the flight from Seattle, was prepared by [redacted].

All three of the above-mentioned logs were made in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). For convenience in reading these as well as other logs maintained in this case, they have been converted to Pacific Standard Time (PST) and the time has been parenthetically inserted at least once on each page of the log.

Interviewed on 12/13/71 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81 *Sub. Q*
by SA [redacted] *RV* /ilb/klb Date dictated 12/16/71 *2086*

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

cc for C.E.F.

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Investigation continuing.

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Date of transcription 1/6/72

[redacted], address, [redacted]
 Everett, Washington, telephone [redacted], date of birth [redacted]
 [redacted], was interviewed and provided the following information:

[redacted]
 [redacted] Washington, his
 [redacted] had planned a trip to Reno, Nevada, for December 1. Since [redacted] was low on funds due to his present lack of employment, he decided [redacted]
 [redacted] that he would [redacted]
 [redacted] Everett, Washington, to Reno, Nevada. He
 [redacted] at Everett at [redacted], on the morning of [redacted] and proceeded to Portland, Oregon, where he had a three-hour layover. He got on the bus in Portland after his layover and immediately noticed two persons who were occupying the seat right in front of him. These two persons were described as follows:

Name	[redacted] (Last Name Unknown)
Alias	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasion
Age	Approximately 24
Height	6'1"
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	Thin and wiry
Complexion	Light
Hair	Black, shoulder length very fluffy, thick and full
Eyes	Wore glasses with wire rims
Dress	Blue jeans that were quite tight and square toed type shoes

Peculiarities

[redacted]

Interviewed on 12/28/71 at Everett, Washington File # SE 164-81-1834 *Sub Q*

by SA [redacted]/mlc Date dictated 1/4/72

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

December 2, 1971

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[redacted] stewardess, Northwest Orient Air Lines, home address [redacted] Minnesota, on her return to Northwest's Flight Operations, advised as follows:

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On viewing a facsimile copy of the artist's conception of the hijacker, based on information furnished by her earlier that date to Special Agents of the FBI, advised that the drawing is a good likeness of the hijacker; however, she would make the glasses wider on the head, and the face should be a little longer. This was the only correction she could suggest at this time.

On 11/25/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota

File #

MP 164-73

SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

TES:wkb

Date dictated

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

December 2, 1971

Date

[redacted] stewardess, Northwest Orient
Air Lines, home address [redacted]
Minnesota, telephone [redacted] then at Northwest's Operations,
informed as follows:

On viewing a facsimile copy of an artist's conception of the hijacker on Northwest Flight 305, on November 24, 1971, she stated that the conception was not, in her opinion, a good likeness of the hijacker. She requested permission to examine the Facial Identification Catalog, and immediately picked out photo number KK5-1, in the Facial Lines Section, stating, "that is him, except for the ears and hair." She explained that the person depicted in that particular number photo closely resembled the man; however, the ears of the hijacker did not protrude as far from the head, and she felt that the hair line should be some lower than that on the man depicted in photo number KK5-1. She was very adamant in her insistence that the artist's conception shown to her was not a good likeness of the hijacker.

On 11/25/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota

File # MP 164-73

by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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December 2, 1971
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[redacted] residence
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telephone [redacted], informed as follows:

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She was [redacted]
to Northwest Airlines Flight 305, that was hijacked between
Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington, on November 24,
1971. She had previously related to Special Agents of the
FBI at Seattle all details that she could recall concerning
the hijacker, and understood that the purpose of this inter-
view was to assist in the preparation of an artist's concep-
tion of the hijacker, by answering certain questions regarding
the best recollection she has as of this time of the hijacker.

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[redacted] described the hijacker generally as a white
male, age 38-45, olive complexion, height 73 inches, weight
165-170 pounds, slim build, and hair dark brown or black.

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She was unable to describe his eyes as he wore horn-rimmed
dark glasses at all times she observed him while aboard the
flight, and she further pointed out that [redacted]

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[redacted] permitted to leave the plane at
Seattle.

When questioned further to further define various
characteristics of the hijacker, she described his head as
oval, eyes unknown, eyebrows average, nose small, mouth small,
thick lower lip, thin upper lip, chin pointed, ears average,
cheek and cheekbone average, hair straight, and slightly
balding. She could not make any comment concerning facial
lines, and said he did not have a moustache, beard or pockmarks
and skin irregularities.

On 11/25/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota

File # MP 164-73

Sub Q
164-81-1933by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 1, 1971

[redacted] Northwestern Airlines stewardess who was on the Northwestern Airlines Flight 305, which was hijacked between Seattle and Portland on November 24, 1971, was shown photographs and facsimiles of 14 different males, both side and front views:

The following photographs were shown to [redacted]

1. [redacted], date of birth [redacted]
2. WALTER H. MILNAR, Date of Birth 7/10/16, FBI Number 723 414 G
3. [redacted], subject of Minneapolis
4. [redacted], FBI Number [redacted]
5. [redacted], Date of Birth [redacted]
6. [redacted]
7. Unidentified male - Federal Correctional Institution Number [redacted]

The following facsimiles were shown to [redacted]:

1. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio Number [redacted]
2. Unidentified male, Youngstown Police Department number [redacted]
3. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio Number [redacted]
4. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio Number [redacted]
5. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio Number [redacted]

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On 11/26/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # Minneapolis 164-73
by SAs [redacted] and HDL:rjw Date dictated 12/1/71

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 1, 1971

[redacted] Northwest Airlines stewardess, who was on the Northwest Airlines Flight 305, which was hijacked between Seattle and Portland on November 24, 1971, was shown photographs and facimiles of 14 different males, both side and front views.

The following photographs were shown to [redacted]:

1. [redacted], Date of Birth [redacted]
2. WALTER H. MILNAR, Date of Birth 7/10/16, FBI Number 723 414 G
3. [redacted], subject of Minneapolis
4. [redacted], FBI Number [redacted]
5. [redacted], Date of Birth [redacted]
6. [redacted]
7. Unidentified male - Federal Correctional Institution number [redacted]

The following facimiles were shown to [redacted]:

1. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio Number [redacted]
2. Unidentified male, Youngstown Police Department number [redacted]
3. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio number [redacted]
4. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio number [redacted]
5. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio number [redacted]

On 11/26/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # Minneapolis 104-73

SAs [redacted] and [redacted]
by [redacted] /HDL:rjw

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 1, 1971

[redacted] Northwestern Airlines stewardess, who was on the Northwestern Airlines Flight 305, which was hijacked between Seattle and Portland on November 24, 1971, was shown photographs and facsimiles of 14 different males, both side and front views.

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The following photographs were shown to [redacted]

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1. [redacted], date of birth [redacted]
2. WALTER H. MILNAR, date of birth 7/10/6
FBI Number 723 414 G
3. [redacted], subject of Minneapolis
4. [redacted], FBI Number [redacted]
5. [redacted] date of birth [redacted]
6. [redacted]
7. Unidentified male - Federal Correctional
Institution number [redacted]

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The following facsimiles were shown to [redacted]

1. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
number [redacted]
2. Unidentified male, Youngstown police
Department number [redacted]
3. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
Number [redacted]
4. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
Number [redacted]
5. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
Number [redacted]

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On 11/26/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # Minneapolis 164-73

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]
by [redacted] HDL: rjw Date dictated 12/1/71

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Date December 13, 1971-1-

[redacted] Northwest Airlines, Minneapolis, Minnesota, furnished from their files the original of flight coupon number 1 of Northwest ticket [redacted], which had been issued to a DAN COOPER on November 24, 1971, at Portland, Oregon. [redacted] advised that COOPER had paid cash for this ticket which was one Northwest Flight 305, the flight which had been hijacked on the same date at Seattle, Washington. [redacted] advised that the amount of the ticket was [redacted] advised that this paid coupon had been handled by many Northwest employees and that he doubted if it would be of any value in processing it for fingerprints.

[redacted] advised that this was the only ticket issued on Flight 305 on that day by the Washington, D. C., and Portland to a man using the name COOPER.

On 12/7/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # MP 164-81-1934
 by SA [redacted] HDL:dlb Date dictated 12/16/71

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FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
(OO: SEATTLE)

Enclosed herewith for Seattle are nine copies
each of FD-302's reflecting interviews with stewardesses

_____ on
11/25/71 and 11/26/71. Also enclosed is an FD-302 interview
with _____
Northwest Airlines, on 12/7/71.

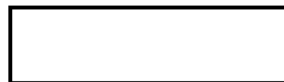
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Date of transcription 12/8/71

[redacted]
[redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that she was formerly [redacted]
[redacted] and is [redacted]. On the afternoon
of November 23, 1971 the [redacted] drove to the Portland
airport where they picked up [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] who had arrived on Northwest
Flight 735 from Chicago. The entire family drove immediately
from the airport in Portland to the [redacted] residence in
[redacted]. They spent the remainder of the evening there.

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On Wednesday, November 24, 1971, the [redacted]
remained at the house visiting with the [redacted] except for
a brief one half hour period during which time [redacted] visited
with neighbors, [redacted], who live [redacted]
[redacted]. The entire family also went out shopping for
a while but returned to the house where they had dinner
and spent the rest of the night.

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On Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1971, the
entire family, including [redacted], spent the entire day in the
house where a Thanksgiving dinner was served in the late
afternoon. In addition to the [redacted] family and the
[redacted] the dinner was also attended by a [redacted]
[redacted] friends of the family from [redacted]

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On Friday, November 26, 1971, except for a short
time during which [redacted] went to the [redacted]
Memorial Cemetery, the entire family spent the day at the
[redacted] residence. That evening the entire family went
to visit friends at [redacted] Washington.

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On Saturday, November 27, 1971, the entire family
was taken back to Portland where the [redacted] caught an
airplane for Chicago which left at 2:35 in the afternoon.

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On December 2, 1971 [redacted] received a letter
from [redacted] postmarked November 29, 1971

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by SA [redacted] and RHT:kd1 Date dictated 12/3/71

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from Rockford, Illinois stating that all was well.

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1Date of transcription 12/8/71

[redacted]
[redacted], advised that she last saw [redacted]
when she and her husband were guests of [redacted]
[redacted] who live at [redacted] for Thanksgiving
dinner on November 25, 1971. According to [redacted]
the [redacted]
arrived from Chicago on Tuesday, November 23. The next day
on Wednesday, November 24, in the late afternoon, the
[redacted] including [redacted] and the [redacted], came to visit
[redacted] at her place of employment, [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] advised that she did not
see the [redacted] again after the 25th but she thought they
flew home to Illinois on Saturday, November 27.

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Interviewed on 12/3/71 at [redacted] Washington File # SE 164-81-1942
by SA [redacted] and
SA [redacted] RHT:kd1 Date dictated 12/3/71

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1Date of transcription 12/8/71

[redacted] advised that he last saw [redacted] home where the [redacted] were invited to spend Thanksgiving Day. [redacted] was certain that [redacted] was present with the family during the whole day but he thought that the [redacted] and the [redacted] planned to visit with friends in [redacted] Washington that evening.

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[redacted] next heard from [redacted] on Friday evening when he called to say good-bye.

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by SA [redacted] and RHT:kd1 Date dictated 12/3/71

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FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJAK.

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SUSPECT [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AT SPOKANE,
WASHINGTON TODAY AND ADVISED HE WAS FLYING WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ON THE DATE OF NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTY
ONE, AND WAS SOME TWO HUNDRED MILES WEST OF HONOLULU WHEN HE
HEARD OF THE HIJACKING. HE ADVISED HE WAS IN NO WAY IMPLICATED
IN IT AND COULD OFFER NO SUSPECTS. HE DID SUPPLY SAMPLES OF
HIS PERSONAL TYPEWRITER WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE
LABORATORY. P.

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Special Agent in ChargeSent MA-10:05P M Per JMM

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (-P-)
SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Las Vegas airtel 12/3/71, which enclosed
numerous FD-302s, including one of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FAA, Reno, Nevada.

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of the tape is of such poor quality, copy-wise, that it
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At Reno, Nevada

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]
[redacted], Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon, furnished sheets containing read out information and key to aviation weather reports for weather conditions between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. on November 24, 1971. He interpreted the read outs as follows:

Surface observations: 7:00 p.m.

Eugene, Oregon: 2,500 feet scattered, 3,800 feet scattered, 11,000 overcast, visibility 15 miles, temperature 42, wind SSE 8 knots, breaks in overcast.

Portland, Oregon: 2,000 feet scattered, measured 3,400 feet broken, 5,000 feet overcast, 15 mile visibility, very light rain showers, temperature 46, wind SE 4 knots. Rain began at 6:35 p.m.

Toledo, Washington: 3,500 scattered, measured 4,700 feet overcast, visibility 12 miles, temperature 41, wind SSW 4 knots. Rain ended at 6:15 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Eugene, Oregon: 1,600 feet scattered, 2,500 feet overcast, 10 miles visibility, light rain showers, temperature 42, wind SSW 12 knots, rain began at 7:34 p.m.

Salem, Oregon: 1,500 scattered, measured 2,600 overcast, 5 miles visibility, light rain showers, temperature 43, wind SSS 9 knots.

Portland, Oregon: 1,500 scattered, measured 2,700 broken, 5,000 feet overcast. 7 miles visibility, light rain showers, temperature 42, wind west 10 knots.

Toledo, Washington: Measured 3,000 feet overcast, 12 miles visibility, very light rain showers, temperature 42, wind south 5 knots. Rain began 7:35 p.m.

Interviewed on 12/3/71 at Portland, Oregon File # SE 164-81-2086

by SA [redacted]:bfr Date dictated 12/3/71

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9:00 p.m.

Eugene, Oregon: 1,500 scattered measured, 2,500 broken, 7,500 feet overcast. Visibility 15 miles, temperature 42, wind south 8 knots.

Salem, Oregon: 1,500 scattered, 3,500 scattered, measured 10,000 broken. Visibility 15 miles, temperature 43, wind south 18 knots.

Portland, Oregon: Measured 3,100 feet, broken, 5,000 feet overcast, 10 miles visibility, light rain showers, temperature 44, wind south 11 knots. Few cumuloform clouds at 1,500 feet.

Toledo, Washington: 3,000 scattered measured, 3,400 overcast, 12 miles visibility, temperature 42, wind south 6 knots. Rain ended at 8:05 p.m.

also stated that to secure average of below listed information for Woodland, Washington, an average of the two sets of information would give a close estimate of conditions at Woodland. The information below is for the times between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on November 24, 1971:

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<u>Place</u>	<u>Wind Direction</u>	<u>Wind Speed</u>	<u>Height Above Sea Level</u>	<u>Temperature</u>
Salem	230 degrees	30 knots	7,000 feet	-4
	230 degrees	25 knots	5,000 feet	-1
	235 degrees	20 knots	2,000 feet	6
	235 degrees	15 knots	surface	10
Portland	225 degrees	20 knots	7,000 feet	-8
	230 degrees	25 knots	5,000 feet	-5
	235 degrees	20 knots	2,000 feet	2
	235 degrees	15 knots	surface	8

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SE 164-81

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On November 27, 1971 [redacted], a man who is familiar with parachute clubs and jumpers in the southwestern part of Washington and northern part of Oregon, advised that a person jumping from a plane at about 7000 feet who had experience could free fall and while doing so could count to 25 seconds which would then place him at 3000 feet and for this reason no altimeter would be needed. He pointed out that if the subject could have seen the ground there would be no problem in landing if he had experience as a jumper. He further pointed out that his experience as a jumper shows him that the subject would not have needed jump boots, a helmet, jump suit, or any other special equipment for he and other chutists jump in shorts, tennis shoes, and other non-jumping equipment when weather conditions are right. He also pointed out that the subject could land within one mile of a pin point spot picked if he had experience and knew when to jump. Further, he stated the subject would have travelled 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile from the drop line from the plane in a 30 mile per hour wind if he opened his chute at 3000 feet. [redacted] also advised that he could also state that if the subject had experience he would know that the easiest place to put a container with the money would be between his legs and this would not cause any problems on landing or during descent. [redacted] suggested one person whom he thought could be capable of the hijacking and that would be [redacted], who is a good and experienced parachutist and pilot.

[redacted] advised that the parachute clubs in the area he is familiar with are the Pacific Parachute Club which uses Donald airfield 30 miles south of Portland, Oregon, and the Western Sport Parachute Center which uses both the Frink field and the Hockinson field near Vancouver, Washington; he pointed out that Puckett airfield is no longer used as a jump center.

On November 28, 1971 [redacted], Vancouver Piper Aviation, 209 East Reserve Street, Vancouver, Washington, was contacted and advised that he and a group of experienced pilots had been discussing the hijacking and he advanced the theory that in view of the cloud cover on the night of November 24, 1971 only an experienced jumper knowing

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription November 30, 1971

S. LEWIS WALLICK, a Test Pilot employed by The Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington, telephone 655-4031, furnished the following information:

He was the Chief Test Pilot on the Boeing 727 project and he conducted the flight testing of this aircraft.

On several occasions during this testing he intentionally lowered the rear stairs under the tail of the aircraft while in flight. The effect of lowering these stairs in flight was hardly noticeable on the controls and the only positive indication he had that the stairs were lowered was the lighting of an indicator light on the instrument panel. The stairs were lowered at a speed of 150 knots. While the stairs were lowered the plane remained in the same attitude. There was no yawing or pitching.

He furnished the following opinions in connection with the question of whether or not a pilot would feel in his controls a sudden loss of weight of approximately 180 pounds from the tail of a 727. He advised that if the pilot were flying the aircraft manually and if the air were calm, he would feel a sudden loss of 180 pounds weight from the tail of the aircraft. He explained that the loss of this weight would move the center of gravity toward the front of the airplane and while this movement would be slight, it could be felt in the wheel by the pilot. He stated, however, that if the air were turbulent, it is doubtful that the pilot would feel this sudden loss of weight. He indicated also that if the plane were being flown on auto-pilot the loss of this weight would not be felt by the pilot.

He advised that if the rear stairs on a 727 is lowered in flight at an altitude of less than 10,000 feet a change in pressurization occurs and this could be felt by the crew if the door leading into the cockpit is open. If the cockpit door were closed, it is doubtful that the crew would experience the change in pressurization.

Interviewed on 11/29/71 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81 -2 087

by SA [redacted] rmh Date dictated 11/30/71

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Date of transcription 1/5/72

[] Area Officer B, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center^{b6 Per FAA b7C} Auburn, Washington, provided a transcription prepared by his office of tape recordings of transmissions between the Auburn center and Northwest Airlines Flight #305, which was under hijack on November 24, 1971.

[] advised that the original tapes are maintained in his custody. ^{b6 Per FBI b7C}

[] advised that the Seattle Center worked Flight #305 on the way in to Seattle from Portland, but had no indication that a hijack had occurred and the aircraft did not squawk any signal as to a hijack situation. They were not aware of the hijack until they handed off the plane to the Seattle-Tacoma Tower.

[] advised that after the plane took off from Sea-Tac on its way south toward Sacramento, California, the Auburn Center worked the flight from shortly after take-off until they handed the flight off to the Oakland Center, which occurred at the Oregon-California border. ^{b6 Per FBI b7C}

In view of the fact that the times listed in the log provided by [] are in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), an insertion has been made at least once in each page to convert the GMT to Pacific Standard Time. ^{b6 Per FBI b7C}

Interviewed on 12/30/71 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81-2107 *Sub. Q*
by SA CHARLES E. FARRELL/klb Date dictated 12/30/71

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SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

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Re: INTERVIEWS WITH PASSENGERS

In compiling the information to be used in the report in the section captioned as above, the location of the various FD-302s and inserts reporting the results of interviews with the passengers was noted. The serial numbers of pertinent information submitted will be set out in this memo for easy location at some later time.

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Also being made a separate page of this memo are the list of names in rough draft form of people who had been interviewed but no other written record made of them.

For possible future need, the addresses of the passengers who boarded at Portland, are being set out as follows:

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[redacted]
[redacted] phone [redacted], a passenger on Northwest flight 305, on November 24, 1971, provided the following information:

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After the airplane landed in Seattle, she observed the hijacker leave the seat in which he was seated and proceeded to the restroom at the rear of the plane. He remained there for about a minute. When he returned from the restroom, she observed the hijacker carrying a dark colored attache case in both of his arms. The case was on its side. On top of the case was a bag.

[redacted] described this bag as follows:

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Approximately 4" deep, width and height approximately the same as the width and height of the attache case. The bag was of cloth composition, possibly manila or burlap. The bag was of a light color, possibly very light yellow and possibly with a very light pink tinge. [redacted] stated that she thinks the bag was fairly smooth on the side which was up. [redacted] stated she did not, at anytime, see what was in the bag. She has no idea what was in the bag.

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by SA [redacted] /slb Date dictated 12/3/71

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Date of transcription 11/29/71

[redacted] National Weather Service, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (Sea-Tac), Seattle, advised that records maintained at the airport reflect the following weather conditions during the times indicated on 11/24/71:

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4:20 PM, PST

7 miles visibility, clouds 15,000 ft. and 3,000 ft. overcast. Wind was SW@6 knots. and moderate rain showers. Moderate rain began at 4:14 PM and stopped at 4:25 PM.

5:00 PM, PST

Visibility 15 miles with clouds at 1,800 ft. scattered; estimated, 2,500 ft. broken and 3,700 ft. broken. Wind SW@7 knots with light rain showers which began at 4:25 PM and stopped at 4:43 PM.

6:00 PM, PST

Visibility 15 miles +; clouds 2,500 ft., scattered; estimated, 4,000 ft., broken and 6,000 ft. broken. Wind was SE @ 10 knots with light rain showers.

7:00 PM, PST

Visibility 15 miles +; clouds 3,000 ft., scattered; estimated 5,000 ft. overcast. Wind S @ 10 knots with very light rain showers which began at 6:50 PM.

8:00 PM, PST

Visibility 7 miles; clouds 700 ft., scattered; estimated, 2,500 ft., overcast. Wind SSE @ 10 knots with light rain which began at 7:12 PM.

9:00 PM, PST

Visibility 15 miles; clouds 2,600 ft., estimated, overcast with light rain showers which began at 7:12 PM and stopped at 9:27 PM.

Interviewed on 11/27/71 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81-2267
by SA CHARLES E. FARRELL/klb Date dictated 11/29/71

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Date of transcription 11/29/71

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9:00 PM, PST

Visibility 15 miles; clouds 2,600 ft., estimated, overcast with light rain showers which began at 7:12 PM and stopped at 9:27 PM.

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Date November 26, 1971

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] on November 24, 1971 at Seattle - Tacoma Airport. [redacted] advised that he resides at [redacted] Seattle, telephone [redacted]. [redacted] is employed by Northwest Airlines [redacted]

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Concerning the hijacking of the Northwest Airlines plane on November 24, 1971, [redacted] advised that [redacted] plane which was parked at the end of a runway away from the terminal [redacted] merely [redacted] at the airplane with another Northwest employee. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] to the aircraft [redacted] took approximately 20 minutes.

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During the [redacted] was near the aircraft he did not observe anyone in the plane other than the flight crew and did not hear any voices other than that of the pilot. [redacted] observed that all doors to the aircraft were closed and that the rear interior section of the plane was dark.

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[redacted] could provide no further information regarding this matter.

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On 11/24/71 at Seattle, Washington File # Seattle 164-81-2268 *Sub. Q*
by SA [redacted] /jlb Date dictated 11/26/71

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Date of transcription 11/26/71

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] on November 24, 1971 at Seattle - Tacoma Airport. [redacted] identified himself as [redacted] Northwest Airlines, Sea-Tac, Seattle, Washington. He can be reached at telephone number [redacted].

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On November 24, 1971, [redacted] advised that he received information sometime after 3:00 p.m. that a Northwest Airlines flight from Portland enroute to Seattle - Tacoma Airport was being hijacked. He was further advised that the hijacker wanted \$200,000.00 in cash and four parachutes in exchange for releasing the passengers on this flight. [redacted] stated this money was obtained and sometime after 8:00 p.m. he and a Seattle Police Department detective proceeded toward the hijacked aircraft parked at the end of the runway at Sea-Tac in an unmarked Seattle Police Department vehicle and parked at "10 o'clock to the cockpit." [redacted] was in two-way radio contact with the aircraft's captain at this time. The air stairs were placed in position at the aircraft's front door and almost simultaneously a fuel truck began refueling the aircraft.

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Immediately thereafter, one stewardess described as being blond, 5'6" and possibly named [redacted] came down the steps and approached [redacted] gave [redacted] the satchel full of money and she returned into the plane. [redacted] only remark to [redacted] was [redacted]. After [redacted] reboarded the plane the passengers began deplaning. After the passengers were off [redacted] made several trips from the plane to the vehicle bearing [redacted] where she obtained four parachutes from [redacted] and carried them inside the plane. In the meantime several fueling trucks had attempted to refuel the aircraft without success. However, the third truck secured a successful hookup and almost completed the fueling job. During the fueling, two of the three stewardesses on board this flight were allowed to depart the aircraft, however, [redacted] stayed aboard. During this entire time [redacted] stated that the lights in the aft section of the plane remained out. [redacted] stated that he did not hear the hijacker giving instructions nor any other identifiable noises from within the aircraft.

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by SA [redacted] /ilb Date dictated 11/26/71

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After the fueling was completed the air stairs were removed and [] with the detective, returned to the terminal.

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[] stated that all other information he has regarding the hijacking was received by him from other Northwest Airlines personnel and was not personally observed, except for the set of facts related herein.

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Date of transcription 11/30/71

[redacted]
[redacted] Northwest Airlines, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, made available on the night of 11/24/71, a portion of the Ground Radio Teletype Log which had been recorded during the hijacking of Northwest Airlines Flight #305.

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[redacted] obtained the tape from [redacted]
[redacted] of Northwest Airlines, who removed the tape from a teletype machine at Northwest Airlines Ground Operations Concourse C, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

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This log is maintained as part of a roll printed on a teletype machine and the particular portion relating to the hijacking has been xeroxed in sheet form and is set forth as pages of this document.

The original log has been edited to exclude all traffic of Northwest Airlines, except that pertaining to the hijacked Flight 305. Further, since the log is maintained in Greenwich Time, it has been converted to Pacific Standard Time (PST) (Seattle time), to facilitate reading the various logs involved in this matter.

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by SA CHARLES E. FARRELL/klb Date dictated 11/26/71

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Date of transcription 4/21/72

[redacted], Edgewater Inn, Seattle, Washington, advised that a check of hotel records indicates that on February 20, 1972, Room No. 136 was rented for single occupancy to a [redacted], who gave his home address as [redacted], Los Angeles, California. On February 22, 1972, [redacted] relinquished Room 136 and in its place took two rooms, Numbers 209 and 211. The record indicates that [redacted] checked out of the Edgewater Inn on February 23, 1972.

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[redacted] furnished a Xerox copy of [redacted] Registration and Statement Sheet, and [redacted] supplied the following long-distance telephone numbers which were charged to Mr. FLEMING during his stay:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Telephone Number Called</u>
February 20, 1972	[redacted] (four calls)
February 21, 1972	
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"	(person-to-person to [redacted])
"	231/785-8592
"	202/223-7850
February 22, 1972	A collect call was received from [redacted], Los Angeles, California, telephone number [redacted]
"	[redacted]
"	A person-to-person call was made from Room 211 by [redacted] to [redacted]
"	[redacted]
February 23, 1972	[redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /bgw Date dictated 4/21/72

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[redacted] further advised that upon checking
out, [redacted] paid his hotel bill using [redacted]
Card No. [redacted], which expires in July, 1972.

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Date of transcription 4/23/72

[redacted] also known as [redacted] was reinterviewed at his residence located at [redacted] Seabeck, Washington, by Special Agents [redacted]

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[redacted] was informed that [redacted] was interviewed at length on the night of April 22 and that the story he tells is at variance and has several inconsistencies with [redacted] story.

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[redacted] admitted that what [redacted] states as to his calling [redacted] on the telephone at his residence around Christmas, 1971, and inviting he and his family over for a social evening is true. He also states sometime later he also called [redacted] to pick him up at the ferry dock in Seattle in order for [redacted] to take him to S. L. Savidge Automobile Company where he was going to obtain a title on a pickup truck and camper and that this story as related by [redacted] is also correct. [redacted] stated on this particular day after he had picked up the title of this pickup and camper he and [redacted] looked for auto parts which essentially was two fenders for his Toronado which would cost approximately \$900 and because this was too expensive, he did not purchase the fenders and the rest of the evening he and [redacted] spent drinking at the Edgewater Inn in Seattle. [redacted] was then informed that according to [redacted] he had never been in the paratroopers in the U.S. Army and had never had parachute training and had also not been out of the country. Then [redacted] admitted he might have called [redacted] late one night, but denied that he had requested that [redacted] furnish him a [redacted] as he had [redacted] of his own. He was then asked even though this was so, did he make a request of [redacted] to [redacted] at the Edgewater Inn. [redacted] then stated that he had never registered under an assumed name at the Edgewater Inn or anywhere else and that if he had wanted a [redacted] he would have requested one from the desk of the Edgewater Inn. When it was pointed out to [redacted] that this is exactly what [redacted] stated he had told [redacted] to request a [redacted] from the desk; [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] and CSS:jlb Date dictated 4/23/72

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then explained that if he had made such a call it was because he was "smashed."

[] was then exhibited a photograph of a white male dressed in a sweater and tie with dark sunglasses standing at the corner of 5th and Pacific in Bremerton, Washington, and asked if he knew this individual. [] upon observing this photograph stated that this picture was not of him and it was not of his father and it was not of his brother. He further stated that he did not know this individual and maintained that he did not introduce [] to this man in the photograph or to anyone else and that he did not introduce anyone to the man in this photograph.

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[] then stated the only time he saw [] was on Friday, during the latter part of February, exact date not recalled and that he was interviewed at length by [] for personal background information and after a detailed and lengthy interview they ended up having dinner along with [] at the Windjammer Restaurant in Seattle. At this point in the interview [] was interrupted by his wife who momentarily came into the kitchen where the interview was being conducted, and she stated that they saw [] on a Monday instead of a Friday. [] then said this may have been so. At this point [] was asked if [] had paid him any money whatsoever and [] advised that [] had paid him [] in cash for expenses incurred for this story and that this occurred on the day that he and his wife had dinner with [] and that he had given [] a [] for this [] payment. [] then admitted telephoning [] a number of times at the Edgewater Inn in Seattle after their interview which was on a Monday, but maintained that he never got in touch with []. He then explained that if any of the telephone calls he made to the Edgewater Inn on the day following his interview by [] were over three minutes in length, it was because he had [] paged. He further stated that the reason he called [] was to see if [] was going to [] and if and when he was going to meet the first down payment of [].

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[] then stated he subsequently called [] again at his home in California and asked him if he thought he had the right guy. According to [] [] was enthusiastic and stated he thought [] had the right guy, but did not know where he was going to get the [] to pay [].

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[] then stated he received [] through [] bases on his theory of the November 24, 1971 airplane hijacking and if that is a federal crime then he is guilty since [] makes it grand larceny. He then stated [] He further stated that he had a lot of work, research and travel all over the country, incurring this expense in regard to this story. He then suggested that the FBI talk to [] (phonetic) of the "Bremerton Sun" since he also talked to her []. He reiterated this suggestion several times during the interview and then also suggested that [], the airplane stewardess be shown the purported picture of the hijacker to determine whether it is actually the individual.

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[] then voluntarily submitted to being photographed only after losing his temper and stated that he was fed up with the entire interview and the the Agents were trespassing and that he could get his gun and shoot them. He was calmed down and subsequently photographed and advised that everyone's story would be checked out thoroughly for accuracy and proof.

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The interview was then terminated and at this point [] advised that he had one brother, [] years of age. He works as a [] and lives with his parents.

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1Date of transcription 5-8-72

Special Agents [redacted] personally contacted the office of the Seattle Flag newspaper located at 222 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, at approximately 3:15 PM on May 5, 1972 and asked for [redacted]. Several individuals were observed languishing on tops of desks and sitting in various groups scattered about the one large room which is the office space of the Seattle Flag newspaper. One unidentified individual stated that he was in the Advertising Department and that [redacted] and all of the [redacted] were out and he did not know when they would return. SA [redacted] identified himself and requested that [redacted] call him at the FBI Office as soon as he came in.

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At approximately 4:00 PM, May 5, 1972, [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] at the FBI Office. [redacted] stated he recalled having talked to SA [redacted] several years ago in regard to the [redacted] which occurred at the University of Washington at Seattle. [redacted] then asked what it was all about. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] he wanted to talk to him personally and asked if he was going to be in his office. [redacted] stated he was not going to be in his office and then said "I don't want to talk to the FBI". [redacted] then asked "what's it all about". He was advised by SA [redacted] that he wanted to talk to him about the D.B. COOPER story published in the Seattle Flag. [redacted] stated "it's all in the article". He was advised that no, it was not all in the article as the FBI desired to know the identity of his source, name and address. [redacted] stated the source was anonymous in the article and would remain that way. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] either he would make the person's name and address, from whom he obtained the story, available or he would not. [redacted] stated he would not. [redacted] then added "it's not those two men from Bremerton, Washington."

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At this point the interview was terminated.

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by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 5-5-72

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Date of transcription 5/19/72

[] "Seattle Flag, Inc.," was interviewed at the offices of that publication, 222 Dexter North, Seattle, Washington, concerning an article appearing in the "Seattle Flag", Volume 1, #5, under date of May 10, headlined, "D.B. COOPER FOUND." Although the paper is dated May 10, it was placed on the newsstands 5/1/72.

[] was advised by SA CHARLES E. FARRELL of his right to remain silent and that anything he might say could be used against him in court; of the fact he had the right to the services of an attorney and that if he did decide to speak, he could cease to do so at any time he chose.

[] advised that the paper did pay \$1,000 for the story as indicated in the newspaper, but he refused to disclose from whom the story was obtained. He said the story was furnished to him on tapes and that the reproduction of a \$20 bill appearing in the "Seattle Flag" was made by them from a photograph of a \$20 bill which was given to them when they purchased the story.

[] advised that the "Seattle Flag" normally has a circulation of 25,000 copies, but the issue carrying the "D.B. COOPER" story sold 28,000. They were prepared to print another 25,000 when the story appeared in the newspapers about the arrests of two individuals in the Bremerton area, who perpetrated a hoax on Newsweek Magazine. Because of that hoax story, they did not reprint the issue and their sales immediately dropped off.

[] advised he would be willing to cooperate with the FBI in furnishing "surrounding information" (but would never disclose the identity of the person who sold the story) in exchange for information as to where the discrepancies were in the "Seattle Flag" story. [] was advised that no such information would be furnished to him.

The above interview was conducted in [] office and began at approximately 10:48 AM and was concluded at approximately 11:05 AM.

Interviewed on 5/18/72 at Seattle, Washington

File # SE 164-81-3938

by SA CHARLES E. FARRELL &
SA ROBERT ROSS REYNOLDS/CEF/klb

Date dictated 5/18/72

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[redacted], Northwest Canton, Ohio, was interviewed in the presence of her attorney [redacted], Canton, Ohio.

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[redacted] stated that she came to Salt Lake City to testify in the hijacking case of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., [redacted], and had brought her attorney, [redacted], with her because she felt that MC COY might try to lie about her at the trial.

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[redacted] stated that she moved into the MC COY residence in January, 1972, and prior to that period had attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho. She stated that she had entered the Fall term at Ricks College, and had only been in the MC COY residence in Provo, Utah, only a couple of times prior to her moving there in January.

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She said that on either Tuesday or Wednesday proceeding Thanksgiving Day, 1971, she came to Provo, Utah, and cannot recall at the time if RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., [redacted] were at the residence or if [redacted]

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She stated she thinks that MC COY and [redacted] were at the residence on Thanksgiving Day, and seemed to recall that at the spur of the moment, MC COY and [redacted] decided to go to Las Vegas, Nevada, and they wanted her to go to Las Vegas with them, but [redacted] stated she did not have any money to spend on gambling. She stated that she cannot recall if RICHARD FLOYD MC COY was at the residence on Wednesday, and said there is no specific incident that she can recall that would place him in the residence on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. She stated she seems to recall that MC COY called the residence to check on [redacted] sometime in the evening of Thanksgiving, and stated that it seems to her that they had Thanksgiving dinner earlier, possibly 12:30 P.M. or 1:00 P.M., and that shortly thereafter MC COY and [redacted] left for Las Vegas. She later pointed out that while they had a Thanksgiving dinner,

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by SA [redacted] / [redacted] Date dictated 6/30/72
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she cannot recall if this dinner was on Thanksgiving Day itself, or the following Sunday. She stated that she would like to help to exactly place the whereabouts of MC COY at that period of time, but is just unable to recall definitely.

[] stated that she does not recall any tie clasps or ties that MC COY had.

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[] stated that MC COY talked a lot about the Seattle hijacking event, and stated that he had a file of newspaper clippings concerning this hijacking. On several occasions he expressed the opinion that he thought it was

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[] stated that she may have written some letters [] who lives in Canton, Ohio, and may have described in these letters something about Thanksgiving dinner, and who may have been there. She stated that she will make these letters available to her attorney, [] and would try to make them available to the FBI.

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Sub DDate of transcription 5-6-72

EARL J. COSSEY, 349 No. 101st, Seattle, telephone SU. 3-0475, who is employed for the remainder of the school year at Sharples Junior High School, 3928 South Graham, Seattle, telephone PA. 5-3562, furnished the following information:

The back parachute, as well as the orange colored chest chute, both of which had been left on flight 305, were examined by Mr. COSSEY, after which he advised that he had personally packed these two chutes as well as the other back pack and the other chest pack which were taken by the hijacker when he left the aircraft. COSSEY advised that he personally made up the back pack, also referred to as an "emergency chute" from component parts which he either had in his shop or which he purchased for the occasion.

He explained that [redacted] of Hayden Manufacturing Company at Renton, Washington, had need for two emergency parachutes. The one that is now in possession of the FBI was one of those packed by COSSEY and is a 26' white canopy parachute.

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The missing back chute was described as follows:

Main Chute

28' flat, circular chute made of white nylon and white cords. This chute, because of its flat circular shape will have precisely 28 panels and they will be numbered 1 thru 28. The number is very clear on each panel. In addition, one of the panels, probably panel 28, and if not there, on the center panel, there will appear a large identification which will show the name of the manufacturer, when the chute was made, the military contract number under which made and will have a precise serial number.

Pilot Chute

Made of white nylon (not measured), white shroud cords and is described as a Model A-3 "soft top".

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by SA CHARLES E. FARRELL/lck Date dictated 6-6-72

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Harness & Container

A Sage Green Navy N.B.-6 harness which does not have a D-ring, which is used to attach a chest parachute to the back pack. The container itself is a Sage Green nylon. Both the harness and container were Navy surplus and will have a label on the outside of the container to identify the Navy contract number and probably the name of the company which made it.

COSSEY advised that all chutes are identified to the particular chute by a serial number placed thereon by the manufacturer. In addition, a parachute must be repacked periodically and the missing parachute was repacked by COSSEY and the date as well as other identifying data placed on a card which is then inserted in a pocket on the container.

COSSEY advised that his records do contain the serial numbers of the various parachutes that he has made and/or inspected and that he would check his record for the serial number of the missing parachute.

COSSEY advised that the missing parachute is made up of a surplus Navy harness and container and that he very definitely would be able to identify the chute.

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The missing chest chute was described as follows:

Main Chute

This is actually the only chute in the chest pack as there is no pilot chute. This chute is white nylon with white shroud lines and was actually made up by COSSEY from a parachute which had been scrapped. COSSEY said he doubts if the serial number is still on the chute because he cut the parachute in half and then sewed it together. He did this in order to make the chute small enough to fit into the container. COSSEY explained that the chute was placed in a container and was used for training purposes of students learning to parachute and was not intended ever to be used as a real parachute.

He said the trainee was suspended approximately three feet from the ground during part of his training process and simulated operating the back pack as well as the chest chute.

COSSEY advised that he very definitely would be able to identify the chest pack whether or not there is a serial number on it. However, if there is a serial number on it, COSSEY said he would have made no record of it because it was a scrapped chute.

COSSEY also explained that an experienced jumper who inspected the dummed up chest chute probably would be aware that it was not operable.

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[redacted] Northwest Canton, Ohio, was interviewed at the offices of the U. S. Attorney, Salt Lake City. [redacted] was exhibited photographs of a dark blue or black tie, and a tie clasp that appears to have a white round center, approximately the size of a dime.

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[redacted] stated that she recalls that [redacted] RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., had a tie similar to the one depicted in the photograph, and also she recalls that he had a tie clasp similar to the one depicted in the photograph. She stated the reason she remembers these two items being worn by MC COY, is the fact that [redacted] and she recalls that when he visited her home on one occasion, he bent over a coffee table, and the picture stuck in her mind.

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[redacted] stated that she has some letters that [redacted] had written to her during the Thanksgiving, 1971, period and she also thinks that she may have some photographs of MC COY in which he is wearing a tie. She stated that she will make these letters and photographs available to her attorney, [redacted] who in turn will make them available to the FBI.

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Interviewed on 6/29/72 at Salt Lake City, Utah File # Salt Lake City 164-24
by SA [redacted] / [redacted] Date dictated 6/30/72
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[redacted]
Columbus, Ohio, telephone number [redacted], telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and indicated that he perhaps possessed some information relative to the identity of a DAN COOPER, who had hijacked a Northwest Airlines Flight on the west coast several months ago.

[redacted] was interviewed at his home and advised as follows:

He stated that he is a [redacted] for the YUCA, locally in Columbus, Ohio, and is employed by the Industrial Security Agency. [redacted] advised that in 1958 or 1959, he was employed by Bert's Drug, Incorporated, in Anchorage, Alaska. He advised that Bert's Drug had a group of stores in the Anchorage, Alaska area, and he was employed by them as [redacted] and [redacted]. He indicated that the drug stores each had a Photo Department and, because of the tourism in Alaska, did an extensive business. He stated that at about this time, he hired a [redacted] (phonetic), to work for him [redacted] in one of the stores' Photo Department. He advised that [redacted] was still employed by Bert's Drug in September, 1960, when, he, [redacted], left the state.

[redacted] advised that he has had no contact with [redacted] since that time, however, [redacted] indicated that [redacted] had learned that [redacted] had [redacted] in Anchorage, Alaska.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is named [redacted] and she resides in Anchorage, Alaska. He related that her [redacted]

[redacted] related that [redacted] is a white male, who is about 30 to 37 years of age, or perhaps slightly older. He is approximately 5'10" tall and weighs at the most 100 pounds. His build is slender to medium. [redacted] wore his hair parted on the left side with a wave up in the front, much like many people wore their hair in the late 50's. His hair was beginning to recede in the front at the corners of his forehead,

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File #

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SA [redacted]

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Airlines, Portland, Oregon, was shown the following Northwest Orient photographs:

any of the photographs as being identical with the unknown subject.

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File # PD 164-41

by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 7/20/72

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[redacted] Sub Q
[redacted]
[redacted] telephone number [redacted] furnished the following information:

She stated that she is familiar with [redacted] who live [redacted] and have been living there for approximately three years. She was displayed a photo of an artist's conception of D. COOPER in an effort to determine if [redacted] could possibly be identical to this individual. She stated that the upper portion of the photo bore no resemblance to [redacted] at all; however, indicated that the lower portion of the photo, from his nose down, bore certain resemblances to [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] has a jutting chin and that his mouth sinks in, somewhat similar to that of a man without teeth. [redacted] has a beard most of the time and has had ever since she has known him. She stated he has only shaved his beard approximately three times since he has been here and that he immediately lets it grow back.

She stated that she knows that [redacted] entered Rice University when he first got here, then went to San Jacinto College and supposedly is now attending the University of Houston. She stated he was first [redacted]

She described the [redacted] couple as being very refined, that they never go out much and when they do it is usually to the movies and that they have never "splurged" with money. She said that they are very dedicated to TV sports events.

She understands that [redacted] lives in Dallas and that he used to travel to Dallas frequently during his first year in Houston in order [redacted]

She stated he is presently working [redacted] and he drives a 1965 or 1966 Lemans vehicle. She described him as being in his late 30s, 6'4", and having gray hair all of the time that she has known him.

Interviewed on 8/31/72 at Houston, Texas

File # HO 164-118-56

by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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She recalled that he used to work for the 3M Company prior to coming to this apartment complex.

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Date of transcription October 12, 1972

[redacted]
furnished the following information concerning himself:

He stated [redacted] he was a student at the University of Houston and remains in that status at this time. He was questioned as to his whereabouts during the Thanksgiving holidays, 1971, and he stated he could not precisely recall where he was but believed that he was in this very apartment and spent the day [redacted] watching the football games on television. He stated he was a sports fan as far as television was concerned. He was not sure but believed he had two or three days off from the school for Thanksgiving [redacted].

He felt confident that he was in school the day before Thanksgiving and had he been in school he would have been in a class called [redacted] and another class called [redacted] (phonetic). He added that it was very possible that he might have skipped [redacted] on that particular day in order to have an early start for Thanksgiving.

He stated he never left the state of Texas during the fall of 1971 and that the last time he flew in an airplane was to Detroit, Michigan in August, 1971. He stated that the last time he was in the Washington state area was approximately two years ago during the late summer when he [redacted] drove their 1966 LeMans Pontiac convertible to visit friends and relatives in that area. He stated that he was a parachutist with the U. S. Air Force and that following his service time he parachuted in Canada and Washington state; however, he stated it has been ten years since his last jump. He believed that his last jump was during an Easter festival in Euphrata, Washington. He stated that he has jumped approximately 150 to 180 times in his life.

He stated that he was not employed during November, 1971.

He advised that quite often he wears a beard and ~~could very well have been wearing a beard during November, 1971.~~

Interviewed on 10-10-72 at Houston, Texas

File # HO 164-118 Sub Q

by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] North Carolina, was contacted at the residence of [redacted] [redacted], who resides on [redacted] North Carolina. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview and provided the following information.

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[redacted] advised that on November 24, 1971, [redacted] RICHARD FLOYD McCOY attended his regular morning classes at Brigham Young University, leaving from [redacted] Utah, at about 7:30 A.M. [redacted] advised that at this time RICHARD had only morning classes at Provo High School and he thus left home at approximately 10:30 A.M. in order to reach school by 11 A.M. [redacted] further advised [redacted]

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[redacted] arrived home from Brigham Young University, which was always somewhere between 10:45 and 11 A.M. [redacted] further advised [redacted] sure RICHARD got home all right. [redacted] stated [redacted] could not be absolutely positive the above occurred as set forth above on November 24, 1971, but if anything had differed from this routine [redacted]

[redacted] further advised [redacted] attended [redacted] at Brigham Young University from [redacted] and RICHARD always [redacted] [redacted] stated as far as [redacted] as normal on November 24, 1971 and [redacted] RICHARD [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised [redacted] arrived at their residence at about 6:30 P.M. on the evening of November 24, 1971 and spent the night.

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[redacted] stated further that on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1971, after eating Thanksgiving dinner, she and [redacted] left Provo, Utah, at about 4:15 P.M. and drove to Las Vegas, Nevada while [redacted]

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Charlotte 164-101

by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] New York Times, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, New York. made available a two page handprinted letter signed by [redacted] along with an envelope addressed to "New York Times, 229 W. 43rd, New York, N.Y.", postmarked September 19, 1972, United States Postal Service, Ca. 920.

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[redacted] advised that he learned of the letter's existence when [redacted] gave him a photocopy of it. [redacted] informed [redacted] that the original letter was received over the weekend of September 23, 1972 and was passed from department to department and from clerk to clerk until he received the letter approximately ten days ago.

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by SA RONALD D. HODGES [redacted] Date dictated 10/18/72

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[redacted] also known as [redacted] was interviewed at his summer residence at [redacted] Maine. He was advised of the personal and official identities of the interviewing Agents. He was advised of the nature of the investigation being conducted. He was advised of his rights by Special Agent WILLIAM F. CRATE, JR. and waived them as shown on an executed Warning and Waiver Form. Thereafter, he furnished the following information:

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He was advised that his name had come up regarding the hijacking of the Northwest Airlines jet in Washington State in November of 1971. He furnished the following information regarding his background and his activities so as to provide an alibi for his not being involved or a suspect in that hijack. He stated that he returned to Maine with [redacted] and has not been back to the west coast since that time. Prior to his departure from the west coast he was working for the [redacted]

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California, [redacted] had stayed with him while he was there. He stated his previous airline and flying background included being an [redacted]

and that he used [redacted] out of Seattle, Washington until he quit in February, 1963. He also worked as [redacted] in Seattle, Washington for the Federal Aviation Administration and in this regard stated that his thoughts regarding the skyjacking was that there was a fan marker which gives out a light and audio signal which is 75 megacycles located near Woodburn, Washington and he speculated that the person who did this skyjacking could have used this fan marker as a point to parachute out of the hijacked aircraft. He added that he has never been in a Boeing 727 and has never had anything to do with that type aircraft. He denied ever being involved in the skyjacking.

He added that on Thanksgiving eve of 1971 he drove

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Interviewed on 9/14/72 at [redacted] Maine

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by SA [redacted]
SA WILLIAM F. CRATE, JR.

WFC: [redacted]

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[redacted] New York Times b6
229 West 43rd Street, New York, New York, advised that the hand- b7C
written letter from [redacted] was received over the weekend
of September 23, 1972. He stated that the letter was passed from
Department to Department for about two weeks and was handled by a
number of clerks and editors before he received it approximately
ten days ago. He declined to estimate the number of people who
handled the letter adding that it would be impossible to determine
the number or identities of those people.

[redacted] continued that [redacted] no present plans for publica- b6
tion of the letter. He advised that a photocopy of the letter was b7C
forwarded [redacted] in the San Diego, California
area. He named [redacted]

[redacted] California, telephone (714) 459-9119. WARK explained
that [redacted] determined from the letter's postmark that the letter
had been mailed within a one hundred mile radius of San Diego but
outside San Diego's city limits. He said [redacted] had requested the
local Bureau of Vital Statistics to furnish a list of all deaths
on [redacted] but [redacted] discovered such records are not filed by
date. He related that to his knowledge no one else has made any
attempt to determine the letter's accuracy or authenticity.

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Interviewed on 10/17/72 at New York, New York File # NY 164-627

by SA RONALD D. HODGES: [redacted] Date dictated 10/13/72

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Date **10/24/72**

[redacted], California, was interviewed near Dog Valley, California, where he stated he had located a parachute canopy pack he had found while hunting. He furnished his home telephone number as [redacted] and the number he could be reached at in Truckee, California as [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he along with [redacted] and a friend of [redacted] were hunting deer near Dog Valley located approximately twenty-five miles from Truckee. He stated that between 2:00 and 3:00 PM on October 21, 1972 they were walking up hill about one-half mile from Dog Valley Campground when he saw a strap with a buckle protruding from the ground. He stated he reached down and pulled on the strap and discovered what he first thought to be a backpack buried approximately two inches under the ground. He stated he started to leave the area, but upon looking further at the pack realized it was a parachute canopy pack. He stated he knew this from the fact he was a Paratrooper in the United States Army and before leaving the area he decided to take custody of the pack. He stated the reason he did this was in view of the fact he recalled an airline hijacking which took place between Seattle, Washington and Reno, Nevada and realized this was near the area of the airplane's flight. He stated at this time he decided to telephonically contact the FBI.

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On 10/22/72 at Truckee, California

File # SC 166-50

by SA HIRAM L. LATHEAM

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[redacted]
[redacted] Eugene, Oregon, telephone [redacted] was shown six photographs of the following named individuals, numbered one through six, in the following order:

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After viewing all of the above photographs, [redacted] advised that photograph #2 of [redacted] bears a resemblance to an individual who hijacked an aircraft on which [redacted] was a passenger during November of 1971. [redacted] advised that the individual depicted in the #2 photograph bears only a resemblance to the hijacker, and he cannot state that this individual is identical to the hijacker. [redacted] noted that the individual depicted in the #2 photograph has eyes, mouth, and a chin resembling those of the hijacker. He further advised that the individual in the #2 photograph has the same overall shape to his face as the hijacker.

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[redacted] Fife Rock Products Company, 820 East 5th South, located their employee information card concerning [redacted] which was given their payroll number [redacted] stated that [redacted] worked for the Fife Company (which is not doing business any more) on the [redacted] which consisted of the [redacted]

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[redacted] Social Security Number is [redacted]. His residence was shown as Manti, Utah, and date and place of birth as [redacted]

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[redacted] Employee card indicated he [redacted] and that he was employed as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] worked in 1968 for them, but did not work for long; and in 1969 he began work on or about April 14, 1969. The last check he received was for the week ending November 29, 1972, and his total earnings were a little over \$5,000.00 for 1969. He also received one check for the week ending March 28, 1970, in the amount of \$271.32.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] Brigham City, Utah, telephone [redacted], was the [redacted] and that he would have been the one who hired [redacted]. It was [redacted] responsibility to [redacted]

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[redacted] provided an employee's [redacted] [redacted] signed [redacted] and the Fife Construction Company, Incorporated, employee card pertaining to [redacted]. He noted that [redacted] would have filled out all of the information down to and including the line requesting to know whether he is married or single. [redacted] asked that these items be returned to him and asked for a receipt which was provided to him.

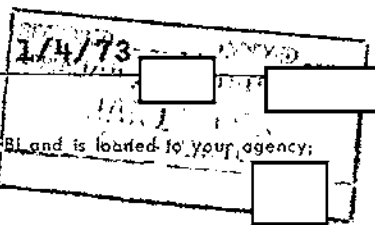
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Date March 7, 1973

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[redacted], Atlantic, Iowa, was contacted at [redacted], Atlantic, Iowa, and was advised of the identity of Special Agent [redacted] as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] was further advised that he was being interviewed concerning the hijacking of Northwest Airlines Flight 305 occurring on November 24, 1971.

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[redacted] advised that he would answer any questions concerning himself and his whereabouts since he advised that he was in no way connected with or had any knowledge of who might have hijacked the Northwest Airlines flight in November, 1971.

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[redacted] advised that he has been working as [redacted] for approximately 1½ years and that he had come to Atlantic, Iowa, from Safford, Arizona, and while in Safford, Arizona, he was the [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he has only been in Seattle, Washington, on one occasion and that was in 1967 while en route to Vietnam with the United States Air Force.

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[redacted] reiterated that he has absolutely no knowledge concerning the hijacking, but did provide the following information concerning himself:

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Place of Birth
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Scars and Marks

[redacted]
5 feet 5 inches
130 pounds
Brown
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[redacted]

On 2/27/73 at Atlantic, Iowa

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[redacted], Las Vegas, Nevada, stated he first became acquainted with ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY in late 1971 and he is not sure how he met HARTLEY. HARTLEY was driving a Ford pickup and pulling a self-contained trailer. With [redacted] HARTLEY kept his trailer on [redacted] and earned his keep [redacted]. From time to time he would loan HARTLEY a few dollars, but never expected to be repaid. HARTLEY stayed [redacted] for about one year, leaving in about September, 1972. [redacted] received a phone call late in 1972 from HARTLEY, who asked to winter work [redacted] Buhl, Idaho. This is the last time [redacted] has heard from HARTLEY.

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[redacted] advised that HARTLEY made several long distance telephone calls to the San Diego area and as soon as his secretary can locate these bills he will make them available. [redacted] stated he recalls he did receive some phone calls from HARTLEY from some place in Colorado, but he does not recall what the calls were about. At no time did HARTLEY ever make any type of business propositions to him.

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During the year HARTLEY lived on [redacted] [redacted] he would leave for short periods of time saying he was going to Reno, Nevada or up to Utah to pan for gold.

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[redacted] stated that if HARTLEY should appear in Las Vegas he will notify the Las Vegas Office.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/14/73

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[redacted]
[redacted], Crystal Bay, Nevada, advised that she resides at [redacted]. She stated she first Sub Q met ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY when she was living in Las Vegas and was then working at [redacted]. This was either in June or July of 1967. She stated she met him through [redacted], who the last she knew was living [redacted], Las Vegas, Nevada. She stated that [redacted].

She related that she met HARTLEY on two or three occasions and after leaving Las Vegas and coming to Lake Tahoe on April 14, 1971, when she [redacted], that HARTLEY called her on one occasion and [redacted]. She stated he indicated to her who he was but at that time she could not recall his name and was unable to [redacted]. Shortly after this, he came to the [redacted] and she met him [redacted]. She stated somehow HARTLEY also obtained their telephone number when they were [redacted], Reno, Nevada. On one occasion he called and [redacted], became engaged in discussing [redacted] with HARTLEY on the telephone.

She continued that [redacted] HARTLEY [redacted] which is off Interstate [redacted], California. Also, HARTLEY supposedly had papers for a mine at Stanley, Idaho, and [redacted] was to become the [redacted].

She continued that HARTLEY [redacted] in August, 1972, when they were living [redacted], Reno, Nevada; and apparently when HARTLEY left the next morning, he took their [redacted].

She explained that one [redacted] of Grand Junction, Colorado, telephonically advised them that he had seen bills from [redacted] that HARTLEY had in his possession, however, the bills were [redacted]. She

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[redacted] Crystal Bay, Nevada File # LV 87-9434

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[redacted] Yerington, Nevada, advised that he has known a ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY for approximately the past four months. He stated that the latter part of October, 1972, HARTLEY stopped by [redacted] in Yerington, and was driving a twenty-two foot motor home and stayed over night. *Sub Q*

He continued that he feels that HARTLEY [redacted] him approximately [redacted] HARTLEY has made as well as some [redacted] HARTLEY and was never paid. He stated he cannot recall whether or not he received a telephone call from HARTLEY in August, 1972, from Grand Junction, Colorado, however, he may have. He stated that HARTLEY was in the mining business and HARTLEY had asked that he, [redacted], be watching [redacted] HARTLEY might purchase. He stated that he last had contact with HARTLEY in November, 1972, when he saw him in Reno, at the residence of [redacted] [redacted], Reno, Nevada. He stated that HARTLEY then was just passing through and he visited with HARTLEY for about one hour.

He stated he has never known HARTLEY to use the name of [redacted] or any other name, including [redacted] and he had met HARTLEY through [redacted] who apparently was initially contacted by HARTLEY in the Spring of 1972. He stated he could provide no additional information regarding HARTLEY, but in the event he should learn any pertinent information, he will immediately advise.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/8/73

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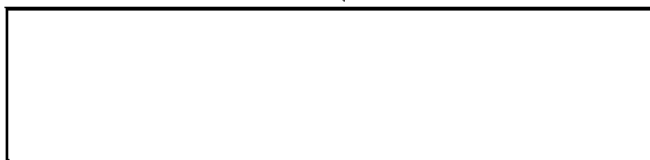
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[redacted] Las Vegas,
Nevada, stated that the below are a listing of long distance
calls made by ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY from [redacted].
He does not have a listing of the dates on which these calls
were made:

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[redacted] Yerington, Nevada, advised that he is working at [redacted] and resides at this address Monday through Friday and returns to [redacted] Reno, Nevada, on the weekends.

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He stated he has known ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY since early Summer of 1972 and that he had met HARTLEY through [redacted] who at one time worked at the [redacted] Las Vegas, and HARTLEY then [redacted] whose name is [redacted] had mentioned to HARTLEY [redacted]

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He continued that HARTLEY had contacted him in August, 1972, to have him do [redacted] and did not go to Idaho, since HARTLEY did not supply the necessary funds for the equipment he was to work with. He continued that he feels that [redacted] Reno, Nevada, in August, 1972, and when he left their residence, the morning of August 18, 1972, HARTLEY left [redacted] which he has used in his travels about the country.

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He further advised that HARTLEY is associated with [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona. He further mentioned that HARTLEY has called him collect several times from various places in Colorado, those of which he could remember were Grand Junction and Fair Play, Colorado. [redacted] further related that he has talked to [redacted] of Grand Junction, Colorado, and together they were attempting to pool their information in an effort to locate HARTLEY. He stated that at one time HARTLEY had called him from the Romada Inn, Grand Junction, Colorado and he apparently was not home and there was a message for him, [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/8/73

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Lake Tahoe, Nevada, advised she vividly remembers [redacted]
[redacted] at the time of the D. B. COOPER
hijacking. She recalls his talking about the radio and
television coverage of the hijacking and the fact
COOPER made his escape via the rear door of the airplane.

[redacted] stated as she previously reported,
[redacted] was [redacted] during the early part
of March, 1972, and therefore could not be involved in
the TransWorld Airlines bombing case.

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[redacted] had a Standard Oil
Company credit card; however, this credit card expired in
[redacted]. He had no other credit card to her knowl-
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[redacted] stated she has an Olympia type-
writer which is a German make and was purchased by [redacted]
[redacted]. She stated this typewriter is
a portable model.

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On 11/21/72 at Lake Tahoe, Nevada File # LV 164-86 -139

by SAS THOMAS J. WILLIAMS
AND [redacted] Date dictated 11/27/72

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[] contacted SA [] at his residence, advising that on January 6, 1973, he was contacted by an individual identifying himself as ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY, whom he described as a white male, age approximately 50, 6 feet tall, 190 pounds, graying hair, mustache, who is currently staying at Room 123 at the Plantation Inn in Bayou Vista, Louisiana.

[] advised that he [] is [], whose home office is in New York City, New York, and he is [] and resides in Berwick, Louisiana.

[] advised that HARTLEY had previously called him on either January 3 or 4, 1973, stating that he was calling from Brownsville, Texas, and had a business deal to discuss with him. He stated that during this telephone conversation, HARTLEY called him direct and stated that he would travel from Brownsville to Berwick and meet with him. [] explained that on January 6, 1973, he received a telephone call from HARTLEY stating that he was staying at the Plantation Inn, at which time [] went to [] to confer with HARTLEY.

[] advised that HARTLEY, in his conversation at the [], claimed to have access to approximately 32,000 pounds of gold ingots, and approximately 500,000 ounces of platinum which was scattered throughout New Mexico, Arizona, and old Mexico. [] advised that HARTLEY requested [] financial assistance in the purchase of either part or all of the aforementioned metal. [] advised that in his conversation with HARTLEY, HARTLEY claimed that he could easily find a purchaser for the gold and platinum in Canada and sell it at a large profit.

[] advised that during conversation with HARTLEY, Sub Q

Interviewed on 1/7/73 at Lafayette, La.

by SA [] - []

Date dictated

File # NO 87-189791/11/73

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Date of transcription

[redacted] Plantation Inn, U.S. Highway 90 West, advised that her records reflect that A. C. HARTLEY, giving address of P. O. Box 856, Rangely, Colorado, has been registered in Room 123 at the Plantation Inn from January 5, 1973, to the present.

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[redacted] made available her records, which reflect that on indicated dates HARTLEY had the following telephone calls charged to his room:

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Charge of \$6.55 from Western Union,
Morgan City, Louisiana.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/11/73

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[redacted] Plantation Inn, U.S. Highway 90 West, Bayou Vista, Louisiana, advised that on the indicated dates A. C. HARTLEY, Room 123, Plantation Inn, made the following long distance calls, which were charged to his room:

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/11/73

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[redacted] was interviewed at the residence of [redacted], where he related as follows:

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[redacted] advised that he accompanied [redacted] [redacted], Bayou Vista, Louisiana, on January 8, 1973, where he met with ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY to discuss the purchase [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that they initially met HARTLEY at room 123 at the Plantation Inn and accompanied HARTLEY to a restaurant adjoining the Plantation Inn where they ate a sandwich. He stated that while in the restaurant HARTLEY carried a .38 caliber snubnose pistol in his belt and upon return to the room HARTLEY put the pistol in a briefcase. [redacted] advised that during the conversation HARTLEY claimed to have 40,000 ounces of platinum in a bank in Old Mexico, twelve, thirty-two pound brick bars of gold also in Mexico, forty to fifty tons of bar gold in New Mexico and 95,000 ounces of placer gold in Arizona. [redacted] advised that during the conversation HARTLEY advised that [redacted] he (HARTLEY) had access to all or part of this gold and could make some available to [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that during conversation HARTLEY claimed to be the owner of Cochise Exploration and Mining Company located in Hereford, Arizona, and stated that he would make the gold available for approximately \$60 per ounce indicating gold could be resold for approximately \$90 an ounce in Canada. Further HARTLEY claimed the platinum could be purchased for \$90 an ounce and resold for approximately \$100 an ounce in Canada. [redacted] advised that HARTLEY indicated during the conversation that the entire transaction would be illegal and further indicated that the gold was "Hot!"

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[redacted] advised that HARTLEY would not disclose the exact location of the gold nor would he disclose any names of individuals who had custody of the gold.

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During conversation [redacted] stated HARTLEY claimed that it would be very easy for the [redacted] to make three to [redacted] Sub Q

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Interviewed on 1/8/73 at Berwick, LouisianaFile # NO 87-18979by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

Date dictated [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted]
[redacted] where he related as follows:

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[redacted] advised that on the afternoon of January 8, 1973, [redacted], met with ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY at the Plantation Inn, Bayou Vista, Louisiana.

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[redacted] advised that he and [redacted] met HARTLEY at room 123 and subsequently proceeded to a restaurant adjoining the Planation Inn where they had a bite to eat. He stated that while eating they did not discuss HARTLEY's attempt to get [redacted] to purchase any gold but he related this inasmuch as when HARTLEY left the room he put a .38 caliber snub-nose pistol in his belt and kept the pistol in his possession until his return to the room at which time he placed it in a briefcase.

[redacted] advised that upon return to the room HARTLEY stated that he had 40,000 ounces of platinum in a bank in Old Mexico that he had access to along with twelve, thirty-two pound bricks of bar gold. HARTLEY stated that in addition he had forty to fifty tons of bar gold stashed in New Mexico and 95,000 ounces of placer gold located in Arizona.

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[redacted] advised that HARTLEY stated that they gold could be purchased for approximately \$60 an ounce and be re-sold in Canada for approximately \$90 an ounce. He stated the platinum, which can legally, according to HARTLEY, be transferred from bank to bank could be purchased for approximately \$90 an ounce and would sell for \$100 an ounce in Canada.

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[redacted] advised that HARTLEY stated he owns the Cochise Exploration and Minning Company, Route 119 Hereford, Arizona, and stated that the Federal Government is currently attempting to serve a subpoena on him in reference to the operation of said company.

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[redacted] advised that in conversation with HARTLEY he advised HARTLEY that he owns two jet passanger liners and operates a supply boat, both of which could take the merchandise from Berwick, Louisiana, to Canada. [redacted] further advised [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/16/73

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[] advised that on the evening of January 8, 1973, he received a telephone call from ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY calling from Lafayette, Louisiana, at which time HARTLEY stated that he was returning to Colorado to return the 1973 Ford that he had rented and would be back in Louisiana in from four to five days.

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[] advised that he subsequently check with the Plantation Inn, Bayou Vista, Louisiana, and ascertained that HARTLEY had left the motel owing a sizable bill.

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[] further advised that [] left Berwick, Louisiana, on the afternoon of January 8, 1973, enroute to Newfoundland, Canada, on a business trip and is not expected to return until January 12, 1973.

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Date 1/18/73

[redacted]
Berwick, Louisiana, was contacted at his place of business, where he related as follows:

[redacted] advised that on January 17, 1973 he had met with ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY at a [redacted] near Meeker, Colorado, [redacted] the purpose of the meeting to further discuss with HARTLEY [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in his contacts with HARTLEY, he apparently has gained HARTLEY'S confidence. [redacted] advised that through his conversations with HARTLEY, HARTLEY is aware that [redacted] has numerous contacts with political figures in Washington, D.C., especially with the Federal Aviation Administration.

[redacted] stated that during his conversation with HARTLEY on January 17, 1973, HARTLEY asked him to ascertain if he (HARTLEY) was suspect in the "hijacking of a airplane over Washington or Oregon approximately one year ago, where \$200,000 was received in twenty dollar bills under threat to blow up the plane." [redacted] advised that when he queried HARTLEY as to why he wanted this information, HARTLEY was reluctant to reply, and just repeated his request.

[redacted] advised that he asked HARTLEY how a hijacker could escape from such a plane, HARTLEY stated that he would have the pilot slow to almost "stall" speed, and exit would be made through the rear exit of the airplane. HARTLEY also commented that he had received previous training as a paratrooper during World War II.

[redacted] advised that HARTLEY also commented that the money received in the hijacking was in twenty dollar bills, and that the bills were consecutive.

On 1/18/73 at Berwick, Louisiana File # NO 164-136 *63*

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/18/73

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Date 2/7/72

[redacted]
Berwick, Louisiana, telephonically contacted the Lafayette Resident Agency advised that he last was contacted by ALVIN C RTIS HARTLEY approximately one week ago, at which time he advised HARTLEY he had been unable to ascertain any information regarding the hijacking, and probably would be unable to ascertain any such information in the future. [redacted] advised that HARTLEY made no further comment regarding the hijacking.

[redacted] advised that at the time of contact, HARTLEY was staying at the Best Western Motel, telephone number 303-543-6530, Pueblo, Colorado.

On 2/7/73 at Lafayette, Louisiana File # SE164-81
NO 164-136 -44
by SA [redacted] / [redacted] Date dictated 2/7/73

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[REDACTED]

Berwick, Louisiana was contacted at his business, where he advised that after viewing artist conception of unknown subject in the matter that this individual did not resemble the individual known to him as ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY.

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Interviewed on 3/14/73 at Berwick, Louisiana File # SE 164-181
NO 164-136 -66
by SA [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] Date dictated 3/15/73

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[redacted]
Berwick, Louisiana, and [redacted]
New York City, New York, was contacted at Berwick, Louisiana,
where after viewing photograph of artist conception of unknown
subject in this matter that "the photograph of this individual
does resemble the individual known to him as ALVIN CURTIS
HARTLEY".

[redacted] advised that the last he heard HARTLEY was
still residing in the Rangley-Grand Junction, Colorado area.

[redacted] advised that HARTLEY would be in contact with
[redacted], Grand Junction.

Interviewed on 3/14/73 at Berwick, Louisiana File # SE 164-181
NO 164-136 -65
by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 3/15/73

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Date of transcription 4/5/73 *Sub Q*

[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised by SA [redacted] of his rights and that it was desired he be interviewed regarding the hijacking of an aircraft. He signed the waiver of rights form and furnished the following information:

He was employed as a [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Since [redacted] he has been unemployed.

[redacted] advised between 1964 and May 1972 he was living at [redacted] at that address.

His working hours at the [redacted] were about 8:00 AM to 4:30 or 5:00 PM. His best recollection is that he did not have any days off during the month of November 1971. He did not leave the country of Canada during 1971. During 1970 he did take a vacation to Yellowstone Park in the United States.

He stated he has no knowledge of any plane being hijacked in November 1971 and he was not involved in any such hijacking at that time or at any time. He resided in [redacted] and has resided in Canada from [redacted] until the present time. He served in the German Air Force from October to December 1941 as [redacted] in the Signal Corps but was never in a German military plane and he never parachuted from any military or civilian plane. He has never received any training in flying as a pilot or navigator or in any capacity.

[redacted] stated he was [redacted]
[redacted]

Interviewed on 3/23/73 at Provo, Utah File # SU 164-24
SE 164-01-4670 *Sub Q*

by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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He plans to return to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in about two weeks.

The following descriptive and background data were obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Home Address	[REDACTED] Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Age	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5' 9"
Weight	165
Hair	Brown, balding
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Medium, ruddy
Characteristics	[REDACTED]
Father	[REDACTED]
Mother	[REDACTED] (Deceased)
	[REDACTED] Toronto, Canada
Children	None
Sister	[REDACTED]
Brothers	None
Arrest Record	[REDACTED]

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Date of transcription 5/2/73

ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY was contacted at his residence, the [redacted] Rangely, telephone number [redacted], on April 24, 1973, and immediately advised the identify of the interviewing Agent and furnished a copy of the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. HARTLEY was informed that the FBI was conducting an investigation in an effort to determine the identity of the hijacker of the Northeast Airlines Flight #305, which was hijacked on November 24, 1971. He was informed that in view of his physical description and previous experience as a paratrooper, that he had been considered as one of the suspects. HARTLEY read the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form and said that he was very willing to talk about aircraft hijackings as he had never had anything to do with an aircraft hijacking, but that he did not wish to sign the form.

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HARTLEY advised that he is self-employed as a dredger in the mining business and during the year of 1971, stayed primarily in Las Vegas, Nevada. He stated that he had a camper truck and parked the camper at the [redacted], in Las Vegas. He advised he travelled fairly widely, at times residing with his mother, Mrs. EDNA SPIKE, nee ROGERS, 2444 North 14th Street, in Tuscon, Arizona. He stated that during 1971, he did travel from time to time to Reno, Nevada, and on one occasion, travelled up to Vancouver, British Columbia, only in reference to mining operations. HARTLEY advised he was hazy on dates, and could not remember specifically what he was doing on November 21, 1971, but did recall that during August, or September, 1971, he had fallen from a horse and broke his left wrist. He stated he had trouble with the wrist having fallen on one occasion after he had the cast on where he reinjured it. He stated a [redacted], address unrecalled, a general practitioner in Las Vegas, treated him for the broken wrist and that he had a cast on the wrist for approximately five months. He advised that to the best of his recollection, the cast would have been removed during January, or February, 1972.

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HARTLEY displayed a 12" surgical scar in the lower lumbar region of his back, stating that he had had two vertebrae and one disc removed from his back in 1960, and was unable to do any real strenuous exercises. He advised he had gone through jump training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, during 1945, and had not jumped out of an airplane since he left the military. HARTLEY stated he would have a difficult time jumping off a three-foot step in view of his back condition and would not attempt to do any jumping for fear that he would seriously injure himself.

HARTLEY advised he was not in the Seattle area during November, 1971, and emphatically denied participating in any aircraft hijacking, stating he had been in the mining business for approximately ten to eleven years and did very little flying. HARTLEY further advised that he was not a qualified pilot and knew little about aeronautics.

HARTLEY stated he did not wish at this time to furnish fingerprints, advising that he was arrested in 1969, in Los Angeles, California, carrying a concealed weapon and that the FBI should have a record of his prints. HARTLEY was informed that to enable the FBI to fully eliminate him as a suspect, the Agent would like to have him furnish major case fingerprints. HARTLEY advised he would discuss this procedure with his attorney and if his attorney agreed, he would furnish the prints at a later time. HARTLEY requested that the Bureau verify his alibi of having a broken arm at the time the hijacking occurred.

During the conduct of the interview, HARTLEY was very evasive about any specific dates or his mining activities.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	July 27, 1920
Place of Birth	Brule, Wisconsin
Height	6'
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Blue

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Hair	Gray
	Very short
Tattoos	None
Scars, Marks	12" surgical scar lower lumbar region of back
Education	High School graduate, Duluth, Minnesota
Military Service	U. S. Army, 1941 - November 9, 1945. U. S. Army Serial Number 20713004, assigned 82nd Airborne Unit, 508th Division
Previous Arrests	Carrying Concealed Weapon, 1969, Los Angeles, put on three years probation.
Occupation	Dredging operations related to mining. HARTLEY advised he had previously worked as a Las Vegas Police Department Officer, approximately ten years.
Mother	EDNA M. SPIKE 2444 North 14th Street Tucson, Arizona.
Brothers	None
Sisters	None
Children	<div data-bbox="791 1171 1350 1242"></div> <div data-bbox="791 1269 1265 1340"></div> <div data-bbox="791 1361 1273 1438"></div> <div data-bbox="791 1457 1230 1590"></div>
<div data-bbox="440 1457 702 1561"></div> Medical	1960 - had two vertebrate and one disc removed from lower back region.

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Date of transcription 5/16/73

[redacted] *Sub Q*
 Anchorage, Alaska, telephone number [redacted], was interviewed in the presence of [redacted], Anchorage Police Department, Anchorage, Alaska, in the offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Anchorage, Alaska.

[redacted] advised that during the year of 1971 he was [redacted] Anchorage, Alaska, on several occasions on [redacted] and/or [redacted] and/or [redacted]. He stated that in the Fall of 1971 and in connection with [redacted] for a period [redacted].

[redacted] stated that during that [redacted] with an individual whom he came to know as [redacted]. He stated that to his recollection [redacted] was [redacted] in the State of Alaska.

[redacted] advised that he found [redacted] to be a very interesting and intelligent individual. He advised that [redacted] was very knowledgeable about types of aircraft, aerodynamics, flight rules and regulations, speeds and altitudes. He stated that [redacted] was either a pilot and/or parachutist to his recollection. He advised that at that time there were numerous magazines and manuals relating to aircraft and flight and that during [redacted] he observed [redacted] to be reading those various publications.

[redacted] advised that he can recall three conversations with [redacted] during this period of time wherein [redacted] indicated to him that he, [redacted], intended to do something spectacular and that what he did would be published in the newspapers. [redacted] never mentioned that he was going to hijack an aircraft and [redacted] never mentioned the fact that a plane or an airlines would be

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated [redacted]

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[] advised that he believes [] has been released from all charges and that he is presently located in the area of Portland, Oregon, and/or Seattle, Washington. He stated that [] apparently has

[] in that area. He had no further details concerning this.

[] advised that at the time [] was [] he was sporting a gray van dyke beard, full length, and he had a gray thick moustache at the time. [] smoked cigarettes but to his recollection he did not consider [] to be a heavy smoker and he could not recall the brand of cigarettes that [] smoked at the time. It is his recollection that [] had very little money and could not afford cigarettes. He stated that [] wore reading glasses but he does not know if they were prescription or whether [] personally owned them or that they were furnished by [] to him.

[] advised that to his recollection [] combed his hair straight back and he cannot recall any part in the hair. He stated that [] was very calm and very cool and very self assured.

[] added that [] had no accent. [] stated that with reference to [] feet that [] never mentioned any guns or bombs or incendiary devices or the use of same in the accomplishment of what [] had planned to gain notoriety.

[] advised that he has no background information on [] other than the belief that [] may be from the East Coast of the United States.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was also [redacted] and was also a witness to the conversation of [redacted] concerning his plan to do something that would make newspaper headlines.

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[redacted] advised that on May 11, 1973, he knows for a fact that [redacted] departed Anchorage, Alaska, with two female companions for Seattle, Washington. He stated that [redacted] is violently opposed to law enforcement officers and he knows for a fact that [redacted] would decline interview or if interviewed would knowingly and intentionally furnish false information.

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[redacted] advised that he is self-employed in the [redacted] in Anchorage, Alaska.

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[redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted] FBI number [redacted] as being identical to the [redacted] who was [redacted] and about whom the above information was furnished.

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b7C1Date of transcription 4/5/73*Sub-Q*

[redacted] Canton, Ohio, was contacted at [redacted] [redacted] Canton, Ohio. He was appropriately advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and that the agent wished to speak with him about possible knowledge he may possess regarding the identity of "D. B. COOPER", the individual who hijacked a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727 during November, 1971.

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[redacted] related that he did not have any information concerning the possible identity of that individual, nor did he possess any information concerning the hijacking. [redacted] emphatically denied statements to any individual relative to knowledge he may possess concerning such identity or information.

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[redacted] did admit, however, that he is [redacted] [redacted] and was formerly [redacted] Alliance, Ohio.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/7/73

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[redacted]
Canton, Ohio, voluntarily appeared at the Canton, Ohio Resident Agency. Upon arrival [redacted] informed that during previous contact with Bureau Agents regarding "D. B. COOPER" he had lied in that he does have a strong feeling as to the identity of "COOPER".

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[redacted] related that prior to 1964 he, [redacted] was associated with a group of parachutists in Canton, Ohio, who performed with [redacted] known [redacted]. He stated that through [redacted] he became acquainted with [redacted] aka., [redacted] an experienced parachutist and [redacted] [redacted] informed that [redacted] was a skilled paratrooper, although somewhat of a loner.

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[redacted] advised that subsequent to the hijacking of a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727, he observed a composite of the individual known as "D. B. COOPER". He stated immediately after observing this photograph in a local newspaper, he felt that it was an "excellent" likeness of the aforementioned [redacted].

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He further related that during September - October, 1972, he received a telephone call from [redacted] who informed [redacted] Canton, Ohio. [redacted] stated that during the telephone conversation he told [redacted].

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Thereafter, [redacted] and that he would visit [redacted] in person. [redacted] stated that later that day, [redacted] visited him at his residence. He stated that during their visit which last approximately 2 hours, they discussed "old times" and also the aforementioned hijacking. [redacted] commented that [redacted] did not specifically admit involvement in the hijacking, but made an off-hand comment as [redacted]. He stated that he was afraid to ask [redacted].

[redacted] commented also that at the time he saw [redacted] similar to those depicted in the composite drawing of "D. B. COOPER".

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[redacted] "The Canton Repository" (newspaper), 500 Market Street, South, made available a photographic negative which was taken in June, 1963 by photographer [redacted]. This photograph depicts [redacted]

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[redacted] informed that the photograph appeared in the [redacted] edition of the "Canton Repository" on [redacted]. The photograph was a portion of an article written by "Canton Repository" reporter [redacted] regarding [redacted]

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The article is entitled [redacted]

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[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Canton, Ohio Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and informed that he had substantial idea as to the identity of "D. E. COOPER," the individual who hijacked Northwest Airlines, Flight #305 on November 24, 1971.

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[redacted] related that during his previous contact with FBI Agents at Canton, Ohio, he had denied any knowledge or assumptions regarding the identity of D. E. COOPER, as he was afraid that if his assumptions were incorrect he would [redacted] thereafter provided the following information, and requested that as far as possible the information be maintained confidential:

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[redacted] related that prior to 1964 he was associated with a group of parachutists in Canton, Ohio who performed [redacted]

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He stated through [redacted] he became acquainted with [redacted] also known as [redacted] an experienced parachutist and [redacted] characterized [redacted] as a skillful paratrooper, however, somewhat of a loner.

[redacted] advised that subsequent to reading an article in a local newspaper regarding the aforementioned hijacking of the Northwest Airlines Flight #305 on November 24, 1971, he observed a composite of "D. E. COOPER" and immediately felt that it was excellent in likeness with [redacted]

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[redacted] related that during September or October, 1972 he received a telephone call from [redacted] who informed that [redacted] in Canton, Ohio. [redacted] stated that he indicated to [redacted] that he was surprised that he, [redacted] stated according to him, [redacted] became upset and informed that he did not wish to [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] informed that [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Canton, Ohio, has told her that he had an idea as to the identity of "D. B. COOPER," the individual who hijacked a Northwest Airlines Plane during 1971.

[redacted] informed that [redacted] Supra, has stated that [redacted] which was [redacted] Alliance, Ohio, [redacted] In addition, [redacted] informed that [redacted] recently indicated that during the summer of 1972 "COOPER" [redacted] at Canton, Ohio, at which time he [redacted] in the hijacking of the aforementioned Northwest Airlines Plane.

[redacted] characterized [redacted] as a stable individual and [redacted] [redacted] Canton, Ohio. She further stated that [redacted]

[redacted] indicated her willingness to further cooperate with the FBI, but requested that her name be kept confidential.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 2/27/73

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ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY appeared at the Glenwood Springs Resident Agency on the morning of July 11, 1973, and was immediately furnished a "Waiver of Rights" form which he read, advised he understood but refused to sign.

HARTLEY again emphasized that he had nothing to do with the hijacking of Northeast Airlines Flight #305, again stating that at that time he had suffered a broken left wrist and at this particular time was in a cast. It was pointed out to HARTLEY that investigation with [redacted] Las Vegas, Nevada, reflected that he had appeared at the doctor's office on May 31, 1973 with a broken left wrist. It was further pointed out to HARTLEY that the doctor had indicated he had changed the cast only on two occasions while HARTLEY had previously mentioned that he had changed the cast approximately four to five times. HARTLEY advised he did not care what the records at the doctor's office showed and that he had only gone to the one doctor and that he did have at least four separate casts replaced on his broken arm. He advised he kept the cast on through January and February of 1972.

HARTLEY advised that he had had back surgery the summer of 1960 by [redacted] at the Southern Nevada Hospital, Las Vegas, Nevada. He stated he is currently able to do fairly strenuous exercise but he personally would not feel capable of jumping from an aircraft and would feel he would seriously damage his back.

It was pointed out to HARTLEY that the simplest procedure for eliminating him as a suspect in this case was for him to furnish elimination major case prints which he agreed to do. HARTLEY was taken to the Glenwood Springs Police Department where he was major case printed.

Interviewed on 7/11/73 at Glenwood Springs, Colorado File # DN 164-98

by SA CLIFTON BROWNING, JR. [redacted] Date dictated 7/16/73

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[redacted] was contacted and informed by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of the official nature of the inquiry and the fact that he had the right to remain silent and that anything he might say could be used in a court of law.

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He was further advised that his name had been provided as being an individual who closely resembled an artist's conception of an individual who hijacked a Northwest Orient Airliner on November 28, 1971.

He stated he used the name [redacted] and is employed as [redacted] in [redacted] New York, telephone [redacted]. This company is engaged in the [redacted] for [redacted] elsewhere, none of it being [redacted]

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He advised he has no flying experience whatsoever, except as a passenger on commercial airlines, noting he has flown to Florida on vacation and has to fly to the State of Maine occasionally in connection with his employment.

On November 24, 1971, to the best of his recollection, he was at work [redacted], knowing with certainty that he was not on vacation or away from his employment during that period. He noted that he might have been in Maine just prior to Thanksgiving, 1971, however, he would have returned there at least one or two days prior to the holiday. He noted his employment for any specific date could be readily verified [redacted]

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He stated that he had never been in the Seattle, Washington, area and has never travelled anywhere near the Northwestern part of the United States.

He reiterated the fact that [redacted]

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Interviewed on 6/11/73 at Andover, New York

File # NY 14-627

by SA [redacted]

dictated [redacted]

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He stated [redacted]
[redacted] on that occasion; however, other than that instance,
he has [redacted].

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He stated he would voluntarily submit palm prints
to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
if requested.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained
through observation and interview:

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Name	[redacted]
Alias	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	[redacted]
Height	Five feet, nine inches
Weight	173 pounds
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown; high, receding forehead
Complexion	Medium
Military Service	None
Scars and marks	None
Social Security Number	[redacted]

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Date of transcription 7/30/73

[redacted] Sumner, Washington, phone [redacted], furnished the following information concerning a man whom he phonetically knew as [redacted] residing at [redacted] [redacted] Sumner (by description of the location and the above phonetic name it was determined that the true name of the suspect is [redacted] Sumner):

[redacted] explained that he was [redacted] with the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and starting approximately six months before Thanksgiving of 1971 he had [redacted]. They were having trouble with the stop and go at 120th Street East and 214th Avenue East, and in connection with this he asked [redacted] who [redacted] if he could park his car in this to observe the activity at this stop and go. Because he did this frequently at night, he struck up several conversations with [redacted] and ascertained over a period of time that [redacted] was previously [redacted] at Boeing Aircraft. Further, [redacted]

[redacted] In his yard at the back was [redacted]

He did not recall that it had [redacted] lived in a mobil home and he had occasion to go into the home where [redacted]. They had a modest home and [redacted] explained that he desired to get money to build a home on the property but it probably would be a long wait. He had contact with [redacted] up to about the time of the hijack and then there was a period he did not see him. Sometime about the time of the hijack he had [redacted]

[redacted] from the Pierce County Sheriff's Office investigated [redacted] At the [redacted]

Interviewed on 7/20/73 at Tacoma, Washington

File # SE 164-81

by SA [redacted]

Date dictated 7/24/73

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Date of transcription 8/2/73

[redacted], unlisted phone number [redacted] advised that although [redacted] she also was [redacted] and in [redacted] absence she would furnish the following information:

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[redacted] is alleged to have been raised in the Woodland, Washington area. He is [redacted] and also [redacted].

He was a parachutist in the Army and is believed presently to be a skydiver. After he came out of the Army, he went to work for Boeing. He then left Boeing and was [redacted] around the Enumclaw area at about the time of instant hijacking.

[redacted] stated that she was [redacted] at Greenwater at the time of the hijacking and [redacted] lived in a house [redacted] who worked with him. At that time he was [redacted] (name unknown). [redacted] Enumclaw, Washington.

[redacted] continued that just prior to the hijacking [redacted] was in grave financial difficulty and [redacted]; further, [redacted] in Enumclaw had [redacted] and [redacted].

On the day before Thanksgiving, 1971, [redacted] was going to [redacted]. In fact, [redacted] remembers that [redacted].

After the hijacking, he did not show up [redacted]. At that time [redacted] which had an Oregon license on it. He immediately flew to [redacted].

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File # SE 164-81

by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] Susanville, California, was interviewed at his residence and advised of the identify of the interviewing Agent with credentials. Prior to any questioning, SA KRAJNIAK advised [redacted] of his rights using a "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which [redacted] read, stated he understood, and signed. [redacted] was advised of the purpose of the interview and furnished the following information:

[redacted] said that he has been residing in Susanville since his youth and has been located at his residence since the latter part of 1971, to include November 24, 1971. [redacted] said he had taken a trip to Seattle, Washington, in the latter part of 1971, sometime in December. He had been unemployed for the period of time to include the latter part of 1971 to date.

[redacted] stated that he believes in the simple life, consisting of vigorous physical activity and not necessarily monetary worth. He reportedly financially supports himself with [redacted] at Susanville and with his friend and business associate in Southern California.

[redacted] said that most of his income is from [redacted] in the Susanville area as well as some money from his business dealings with his friend in Southern California. [redacted] said that this friend had made [redacted]

[redacted] said that he knew nothing of the hijacking or extortion of Northwest Flight 305 from Portland to Seattle on November 24, 1971.

[redacted] stated that he had been a member of the [redacted] and had been qualified as a military parachutist although he had never conducted any free falls.

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Interviewed on 12/27/72 at Susanville, California File # SC 164-50-349

SA [redacted] ES A. KRAJNIAK [redacted]

by

Date dictated

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Date of transcription 8/1/73

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[redacted] Lamar, Colorado, was contacted by SA [redacted], who advised [redacted] of his rights as per the "Interrogation; Advice or Rights" form, as provided by the FBI and advised of the fact that he was being interviewed with regards to an airplane hijacking incident.

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[redacted] acknowledged understanding of his rights and waived his rights to an attorney advising he would speak with the Agent at this time and provided the information:

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[redacted] advised that he had been a U. S. Marine during World War II, and that he was presently a disabled veteran out of work, living basically off of his Veterans Administration pension of [redacted] and that he was making up the rest of the cost of living by selling off personal items.

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[redacted] further advised that he has been employed for the past 20 years in the newspaper reporting business and that from 1960 to 1970, he was [redacted] for the Billings Gazette in Billings, Montana; and that from 1970 to 1971, he had been employed [redacted] at Carson City, Nevada.

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[redacted] advised that the reason he moved to Lamar, Colorado, was to [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he is a Veterans Administration out patient from the Veterans Administration Hospital at Denver, and has been in such a category since June 1, 1973.

[redacted] further advised that he had first entered the Veterans Administration Hospital in March, 1973, for treatment of various illnesses.

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[redacted] advised that he had never flown from any airport in Oregon, to Seattle, and that he had never in any

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by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] San Antonio (phone [redacted]), was inter-
viewed at the [redacted]

[redacted] San Antonio, Texas. [redacted]
was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and
of the reason for the interview after which he was furnished
an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form which he read, stated
he understood, and voluntarily signed. [redacted] thereafter
furnished the following information:

Full Name [redacted]

Race

White

Sex

Male

Born [redacted]

Height

6'2"

Weight

170 lbs.

Build

Slender

Hair

Medium brown, curly

Eyes

Blue, wears glasses, has [redacted]

Complexion

Fair

Visible Scars and
Marks [redacted]

Disability

None

Arrests

None

Marital Status

Married

Occupation [redacted]

Employment [redacted]

Automobiles

1971 Chevrolet Impala,
1973 Texas license [redacted]On 10/4/73 at SAN ANTONIO, TEXASFile # SA 164-111 0012-1079by SA [redacted]Date dictated 10/10/73

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Date of transcription October 11, 1973

[redacted]
[redacted] Aurora, Colorado, telephone [redacted] upon
observing photographs of ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY, subject 437
[redacted], advised that neither one
of these individuals was identical with the person who
skyjacked the Northwest Orient flight.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/4/73

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[redacted] Chesterfield, Indiana, was interviewed at [redacted] Anderson, Indiana. He advised he had [redacted] and did not know anyone by that name. He said he [redacted]

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[redacted] heard [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had [redacted] over been a commercial pilot. Other than [redacted] had ever participated and he did it only once.

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Only [redacted]

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[redacted] stated [redacted]

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think any of them had ever been in the Seattle area.

When shown the photograph of the artist's conception of D. B. COOPER, [redacted] stated it did not look like any of [redacted] said also that the name D. B. COOPER meant nothing to him.

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Date of transcription December 7, 1973

[redacted] **Anderson,**
Indiana, advised [redacted]
 [redacted] for Eastern Air Lines. She
 further stated that he did not have [redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted]
 [redacted] who now lived in Chesterfield,
Indiana. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] she further advised only [redacted]
 [redacted] was approximately
 [redacted] To her knowledge only [redacted]

When shown the photograph of the artist's conception
 of the man known as D. E. COOPER, [redacted] stated it
 did not remind her of anyone she knew, and did not look like
 any of [redacted]

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by [redacted] Date dictated 12/6/73

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Date of transcription 11/15/73

[redacted]
[redacted] Bellevue, Washington, was contacted at [redacted]
at The Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington, and he advised as
follows:

He recalls that [redacted], visited
him over Thanksgiving holiday, 1971. He specifically recalled
that they had Thanksgiving dinner at the Mannings Cafeteria
in the University District, Seattle, Washington.

He stated that he did not specifically recall how
[redacted] travelled to Bellevue, Washington, but he was of
the opinion that he possibly drove his car since that is the
way [redacted] generally comes to visit him. He recalled,
however, that when he got home from work at approximately 5:00
PM on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, 1971, [redacted]
[redacted] He explained that
[redacted] and when he
visits in Bellevue, Washington, he generally [redacted]
[redacted]

(It should be noted that Thanksgiving in 1971 was on
November 25, and that the Wednesday before Thanksgiving was
November 24. It should further be noted that the hijacking
of the Northwest Airlines plane was on the evening of 11/24/71).

He recalls that [redacted]
[redacted] is still in
his possession. He stated that he did not recall the serial
number [redacted] but that he will permit any law enforce-
ment agency to examine it at any time. He has no information
relative to where [redacted]
[redacted]

He did not recall how many days [redacted] was in
Seattle on that trip but that he recalled that he was possibly
there several days. He does not know what [redacted] did during
the day time since he, [redacted] was working and even
during the evenings they would each go their own way. He
stated, however, that he is certain [redacted] could not have
been involved in the hijacking since he could not have been gone
[redacted] without him knowing it.

Interviewed on 11/9/73 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81

SA [redacted]
by SA RUBAIYAT B. CASTELLOW [redacted] Date dictated 11/14/73

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[redacted] further stated that he recalls that [redacted] have discussed the hijacking of an airplane by the man generally referred to as "D. B. COOPER" and he recalls [redacted] commenting to the effect that some person would be happy if he found the money lying in the woods in a sack. He said [redacted] was aware of the hijacking from newspaper publicity which followed the hijacking. He said [redacted] never gave any indication at all that he had any knowledge of the hijacking from any source but the newspapers.

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He explained that [redacted] did not like airplanes and he explained that [redacted] would even take a bus to visit relatives in such distant places as Memphis, Tennessee, rather than to fly. He stated that in the Air Force, [redacted] was in the Finance Section and had no connection with flying. Further he has never known [redacted] to make a parachute jump or express an interest in parachutes.

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He stated he can not recall any person who might corroborate his recollection that [redacted] was in [redacted] on the evening of 11/24/71.

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Date of transcription 12/7/73

[redacted] Town of Tonawanda, New York, was interviewed and after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that this interview concerned his writing to the Buffalo FBI Office regarding information on how to play the D. B. Cooper game, he provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he saw a newspaper article about the Northwest Airlines hijacking in the local paper the "Tonawanda News." [redacted] advised he did not have a copy of this article presently but the article stated that if a reader wished to help find any \$20 bills used in the ransom that the reader merely was to contact his nearest FBI Office for a list of the serial numbers of the \$20 bills in question. [redacted] stated that the "Tonawanda News" referred to finding this ransom money as the "D. B. Cooper Game."

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'4"
Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Hazel

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Interviewed on 12/4/73 at Town of Tonawanda, N.Y. File # Buffalo 164-46

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/6/73

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[redacted] was contacted at [redacted], Western College, Oxford, Ohio, and advised of the identity of the Special Agent [redacted] and the nature of the interview.

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[redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that as best she could remember during November, 1971, she was residing [redacted]

[redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio. She stated that [redacted] during this period of time, however, [redacted] until sometime during December, 1971, at which time [redacted]

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She stated that [redacted] was working everyday at that time, although she does not recall where he was employed as he changed employments rather frequently.

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She stated that at no time was he absent from her presence during the evening hours, nor was he out of the Cleveland, Ohio area, to the best of her knowledge.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was in the navy, and she did not believe that he had any paratrooper training while in the service.

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[redacted] became very emotionally upset when requested for her to furnish a physical description and photograph [redacted] and stated the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) should have a description of him as she had seen his photograph in many different police stations.

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At this time she terminated the interview abruptly.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of SA [redacted] and that this interview concerned his locating a parachute in the mountains near Sheridan, Oregon. [redacted] is employed by the [redacted] State of Oregon Military Department, 2150 Fairground Roads, Salem, Oregon [redacted] telephone [redacted]. His residence is [redacted], Salem, Oregon [redacted] telephone [redacted].

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He advised he saw a parachute hanging over a large fallen tree, approximately December 1, 1973, while deer hunting. It was located near the [redacted], which is [redacted] of Sheridan, Oregon.

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The parachute was retrieved by SA [redacted] and [redacted] and the immediate area was searched for evidence of a body or other gear. There was no evidence located in the near vicinity. The parachute was maintained in the custody of SA [redacted] and returned to FBI Office, Portland, Oregon.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/18/73

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 1/16/74

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT:

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(OO:Seattle)

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Re Portland letter to Seattle, dated 12/11/73.

Enclosed herewith for Seattle are two copies of an FD-302 concerning recovery of a parachute from a mountainous area near Sheridan, Oregon, on 12/11/73. Parachute was previously transmitted to Seattle as set forth in referenced letter.

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2-Portland

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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[redacted] Campbell, California was interviewed. He stated that he was the individual who wrote a letter to the Portland, Oregon Police Department concerning observations regarding the airline hijacking in that area during the Thanksgiving holidays, 1972. He stated [redacted] in the Seattle area and were returning to Campbell, California via Greyhound Bus.

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Somewhere near the army base in the Seattle, Washington area, an individual who he described as a white male, approximately 40 years old, 5'8", stocky build, carrying a duffle bag, boarded the bus. He stated as this individual passed his seat, he made the comment, "I just robbed that plane tonight". He stated the individual departed the bus somewhere north of Portland, exact area not recalled. He stated he had been dozing and the individual must have departed the bus prior to Portland because he did not observe him after that stop.

[redacted] stated that he had been concerned that this information might be of some value in identifying or locating the Subject so he decided to write the letter. He stated he could provide no further identifying information concerning this individual.

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[redacted] Dayton, Oregon,
home phone [redacted], was located and interviewed at the
[redacted], Oakland, California.

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[redacted] stated he was now in Oakland for the purpose
of obtaining a [redacted]
[redacted] Oakland. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated a year ago he purchased [redacted]
which had been given to him [redacted]
has known all his life. [redacted] is employed by the First National
Bank of Portland, Oregon, [redacted] The
[redacted] was given to him [redacted] and

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and [redacted] The bill
of sale [redacted] He
explained [redacted] and that he has an agreement [redacted]

[redacted] He explained again that [redacted]
[redacted] given to him [redacted]
[redacted] at that time, which he did. The purpose of
this trip was explained as to [redacted]
[redacted]

The following description of [redacted] was
obtained through observation and interview:

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Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'10"
Weight	190
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Peculiarities	[redacted]

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Driver's License

Oregon - [redacted]

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SAs [redacted]

by [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] was contacted and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent as well as the nature of the inquiry. Subsequent to this, he freely and voluntarily furnished the following information:

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Prior to coming [redacted]
[redacted] he had been [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted], prior to and after a hijacking occurred in the northwest section of the United States, approximately 1 1/2 years ago, in which a man known as D. D. COOPER is responsible for that hijacking. [redacted] advised that [redacted] there was a [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] and who prior to the hijacking in which D. D. COOPER is suspected of committing, was frequently [redacted] This man by the name of [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he is positive that this [redacted] just before this hijacking occurred and did not return [redacted], until after the hijacking had occurred. When [redacted]

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[redacted] also after returning [redacted]
[redacted]

done prior to [redacted] remembers that he asked [redacted] what he was going to do when he went on leave and [redacted] laughingly told [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] home residence [redacted]
[redacted] Concord, California, was contacted at the
Pleasant Hill Police Department, Pleasant Hill, California.
[redacted] was exhibited three artist's conception photographs
(one black and white, two color) depicting hijacker of
Northwest Airlines, Flight 305, which occurred on November
24, 1971. [redacted] after viewing the above three photographs,
stated that there were many physical similarities between
the description of [redacted] and the
artist's conception photos of the hijacker. [redacted] after
carefully studying the three artist's conception photos,
stated in his opinion the following were similarities between
the description [redacted] and hijacker as follows:

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1. Great similarity in hairline and thickness of hair
2. Similarities in facial lines and high forehead
3. Similarity in neck size and length of eyebrows
4. Similarity in broad cheekbones and extension and length of projection of ears
5. Similarities in bagginess under eyes and facial lines around chin, cheek area and facial lines around nose

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[redacted] also added that [redacted]
[redacted] and although the eyes are somewhat similar, [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated with respect to dissimilarities between
artist's conception photos [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Police Department.

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He is employed [redacted]

[redacted] Pittsburg, California.

He resides [redacted]

[redacted], Concord, California.

He believes he has information regarding the identity of D. B. COOPER the individual who skyjacked a jet liner after it left Portland, Oregon, Thanksgiving Eve, November 1971. [redacted] explained that shortly after this skyjacking occurred, he read a detailed account about it in Time Magazine. He recalled that at that time from reading the article that the skyjacker said to the pilot of the skyjacked aircraft "Lets Get This Show On The Road". He also recalled the skyjacker carried a satchel of some sort and exhibited what appeared to be a make shift bomb to the pilot.

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[redacted] desired that his identity regarding the furnishing of this information be protected and not revealed as the suspect he has in mind who is possibly D. B. COOPER [redacted]

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He stated that [redacted]

[redacted] who resides at Tacoma, Washington.

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[redacted] is presently a resident of Longview, Washington, street address not known. He is presently employed as [redacted] in Longview, Washington. [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] in Tacoma, Washington from [redacted]

[redacted] During this time, [redacted] was employed as an [redacted]

[redacted] He recalled [redacted]

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At the time [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Tacoma, Washington area.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in Seattle
[REDACTED] During

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this time he was employed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mentioned this because this indicated to

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He also stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

stated [REDACTED]

approximately five years before the skyjacking occurred.

He stated, however, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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stated that [REDACTED]

He recalled [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

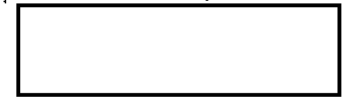
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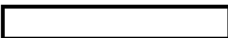


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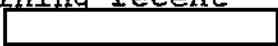
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Enclosed herewith for the Seattle Division are two FD 302s, two copies each, reflecting interviews of  at Pleasant Hill, California, on 1/2 and 1/10/74, respectively.

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It would appear that  from information furnished by  whose identity should be protected, should be considered a logical suspect. Office of origin should note, however,  and therefore is unable to provide any pertinent information as to suspect's activities and/or financial status in recent years.

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Consideration should be given to obtaining recent driver's license photo of suspect and interview  who is believed to be close associate of person knowledgeable regarding suspect.

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
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On April 4, 1974, [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone [redacted]
[redacted], was interviewed prior to interview of [redacted]
[redacted] on this date. They have [redacted]
[redacted] was in the U. S. Navy from [redacted], out
one year, and then in the U. S. Air Force from [redacted]
[redacted] After leaving the Air Force he started [redacted]

[redacted] They were living at
Oak Harbor at that time, and they were there for about two
months, and then moved to a rented house [redacted]
[redacted] in Lynden, Washington. [redacted]
[redacted] at Marietta, Washington on the Indian Reservation
there. [redacted] is a company that [redacted]
[redacted]. [redacted]

[redacted] They
lived at the Lynden address until September, 1972, when they
moved to their present address at Custer, Washington. This
present address is located [redacted]

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[redacted] They live in a mobile home
[redacted]
[redacted] They
have [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] He has [redacted]
present time, having acquired [redacted]
week. He has another individual that actually [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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She recalls definitely the occasion in November,
1971, when the individual known as D. B. COOPER hijacked
an airplane in Seattle. At that time they were living in
Lynden and [redacted] was at Marietta on the
Indian Reservation. She recalled first hearing news re-
ports of this and she recalls she [redacted]
that evening were watching T.V. when various news programs
were interrupted and gave bulletins regarding the hijacking.

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b7CInterviewed on 4/4/74 at Custer, WashingtonFile # SE 164-81

by SA [redacted]

Date dictated 4/8/74b6
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She recalls [redacted] when some of these bulletins indicated the plane was still at the airport with the hijacker in the plane.

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Shortly after the crime, she recalls [redacted] was contacted by FBI Agents and alerted for information as to who the hijacker might be. She stated that definitely [redacted] is not the individual and has no knowledge as to who it might be. If he had received any information along these lines, he would have immediately notified the FBI. At that time, he had another individual by the name of DARRYL JAEGER working for him, but this individual has since been killed in a plane accident at Issaquah. His student trainer at that time was a Western Washington College student by the name [redacted] who now lives at Issaquah, Washington.

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She advised that she [redacted] waves spend Thanksgiving [redacted] that time [redacted] were living at Oak Harbor, but have moved to Kirkland, Washington. [redacted] also live in Kirkland [redacted]

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She could not recall [redacted] they visited until she checked through her canceled check book and determined that on November 25, 1971, she wrote a check out [redacted] This made her recall that she [redacted] in Kirkland. [redacted] would always drive together to visit the folks and were definitely together on that date.

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She advised [redacted] is about 6' previously weighed about 180 lbs., but has recently reduced his weight to 152 lbs., to be in better condition for jumping. He has light brown curly hair, definitely full and curly, blue eyes. He does not smoke and has never smoked. He also does not drink except for an occasional one can of beer.

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All of the assets they have, they have acquired on their own and through their own earnings, and they have no outside income or monies. They are purchasing [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] They own [redacted] both of which The [redacted]

[redacted] They also own a car and a pickup truck, which are paid for, but the mobile home they live in is mortgaged.

She exhibited photographs taken [redacted] previously and they in no way resemble the artist's conception of D. B. COOPER.

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On April 4, 1974, [redacted]

[redacted] Custer, Washington, telephone [redacted]
furnished the following information:b6
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He definitely recalls the date the hijacker known as D.B. COOPER was involved in his caper with Northwest Airlines. He first heard of this on radio messages that day and evening. He, at that time, lived in Lynden and operated [redacted] on the Lummi Indian Reservation near Marietta, Washington. He was in this area at the time working, and had no connection with this crime, or knowledge of it, and has never come up with any suspects in connection with his [redacted]. He was definitely at home and at work during the time of this skyjacking and he [redacted] visited with one of the other [redacted] on the following day, Thanksgiving, as they do each year.

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Shortly after this took place, just how long he cannot now recall, he was visited by some FBI Agents and interviewed as to his knowledge of any possible suspects. At that time he was exhibited an artist's photograph showing the individual wearing dark glasses.

[redacted] is an experienced [redacted]

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He first started to jump [redacted] while he was in the Navy, and he later started to fly [redacted] while in the Air Force. However, he never jumped or flew in his assignments in the services, but learn to do these things on his own and at his own expense because of his interest in the sport.

He was in the Navy from [redacted] Serial No. [redacted], and in the Air Force from [redacted], Serial No. [redacted], which is his Social Security No. also. The only times he has been fingerprinted were in connection with his enlistments in the military.

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by SA [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles, California, was interviewed
[redacted] Los Angeles,
the Office of Attorney [redacted] who was
present.

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SA's C. ROBERT STRANGER and [redacted]
identified themselves to [redacted] as Special
Agents of the FBI and [redacted] was furnished an
"Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form by SA STRANGER.
Upon reading the contents of the form [redacted] deferred
to his attorney who advised him not to sign, however,
Attorney [redacted] added that his client would answer questions
concerning his whereabouts during the hijacking of a Northwest
Orient plane in November 1971.

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[redacted] stated that on or about November 21, 1971,
[redacted]
[redacted] He had decided to get away from
everything, having first thought he would go south, perhaps
to Texas, but then decided to return to the general area
of the "old stamping grounds" in Oregon and Washington. He
added that he had no specific destination in mind but had
decided to pass on through Medford, Oregon, where he was
well known since [redacted] in that area
in [redacted] He had thought of driving directly
to Seattle, Washington, but later decided to try to
get a job [redacted] in the Eugene or Portland,
Oregon area.

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He stated that on the day [redacted]
[redacted] just south of Redondo Beach,
California, he had taken [redacted]
to the [redacted] located
near Victory and Olive in Burbank, California. This is
the dealership where he had purchased this car several
days earlier. While the car was being serviced he had
stayed at a motel in Burbank, name unrecalled, but believes
located at the corner of [redacted] in Burbank. He
stated he would have registered under the name of [redacted]
at this motel the night prior to departing for the Washington-
Oregon area. He believes this would have been the night of
November 21, 1971.

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Interviewed on 4/10/74 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 164-497

SA's [redacted] and
by C. ROBERT STRANGER/crs [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Tucson, Arizona:

On January 4, 1974, [redacted], Pima County Sheriff's Office, and [redacted], Tucson Police Department, both advised SC [redacted] that their respective departments contain no record of [redacted]

Negative efforts were made on January 18 and 28, 1974, to contact [redacted] Tucson, [redacted]

On February 14, 1974, [redacted] advised he [redacted] His records are incomplete and he has no record of, nor does he remember, [redacted] It is to be noted [redacted] appears to be an [redacted] motel caters to itinerate clientele.

On March 4, 1974, [redacted] of Brodens Motel, 230 East 33rd Street, South Tucson, Arizona, advised that [redacted] South Tucson, another residence of [redacted] is currently being managed by the Lincoln Trust Realty Company, 2308 South Craycroft, Tucson, and the [redacted] only has itinerate clients who do not stay more than a week at a time.

On March 15, 1974, [redacted] Lincoln Trust Realty Company, supra, advised that her company would no longer have records that would reflect who rented motel rooms at [redacted] queried [redacted] and he advised he does not recall [redacted]

On March 29, 1974, Chief of Police GEORGE CORTI, South Tucson Police Department, advised he had no record of [redacted]

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EUGENE LEROY WATSON, 2615 Airplane, was advised of the identity of Special Agent [redacted], and of the purpose of the interview which was to secure information concerning his general background and whereabouts on or about November 24, 1971, in conjunction with a current investigation involving the hijacking of a Northwest Airlines flight out of Portland, Oregon, on November 24, 1971. He then furnished the following information:

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WATSON stated he is presently residing at the Scottsdale Roadrunner Trailer Park located at 1149 North 92nd Street, Scottsdale, Arizona. He advised that his mailing address is 2615 Airplane, Phoenix, Arizona.

WATSON stated that he is the owner of the Phoenix Aviation Company located at the Airplane address which consists of a Piper Cub dealership which includes charters, construction, rentals, leases, sales, and the maintenance and repair of aircraft. He advised that he also has a financial interest in a recreational railroad located in Chama, New Mexico. He advised that he normally spends his summers during the recreational season in Chama. He stated that he had in the recent past owned an interest in the Coherent Radiation Company in Palo Alto, California. He has since disposed of his interest in that firm but is in the near future planning on going with the Diac Company which is located in Sunnyvale, California.

WATSON furnished the following description and background information:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'1"
Weight	185 lbs.
Hair	Brown (graying)
Eyes	Blue
Born	December 31, 1927, Sacramento, California
Social Security Account Number	570-30-3218

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[redacted] Seattle, Wa., [redacted] telephone [redacted], was interviewed in the presence of his attorney, [redacted] [redacted], Seattle, Washington. [redacted] stated he had some information concerning the "D. B. COOPER" case.

[redacted] advised that some time in late 11/71 or early 12/71, attorney [redacted] met him at [redacted] at approximately 10:30 p.m., and requested that he [redacted] [redacted] identified as the perpetrator of the D. B. COOPER hijack.

[redacted] made available a [redacted] in the [redacted] because [redacted] was [redacted] [redacted] stated he made some calls in order to obtain help for [redacted] but was unable to find anybody to help him. [redacted] advised he contacted [redacted] by phone at approximately 12:00 p.m. on that same night and told him he would not be able to do as he, [redacted], had asked.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] provided by [redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted] had informed him that "D. B. COOPER" was [redacted] [redacted] who is currently serving [redacted] at McNeil Island. [redacted] stated [redacted] FNU [redacted] FNU [redacted] and [redacted] stated that [redacted] both knew the true identity of D. B. COOPER.

Interviewed on 6/11/74 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81-6285
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/12/74

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] telephone [redacted]. After being advised of the nature of the investigation, [redacted] provided the following information:

He stated [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that he has been employed as an [redacted] [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, since August, 1971. He advised that he lived in Denver, Colorado until December, 1970, when he moved to St. Louis and resided at [redacted] O'Fallon, Missouri. He [redacted] resided there until May, 1972, when they moved to [redacted] Bridgeton, Missouri. This residence is a house and they rented the house until May, 1973, when [redacted] moved to their current residence. [redacted] was employed with Samsonite Corporation of Denver, Colorado from [redacted] He was employed in [redacted] and his employer assigned him to move to St. Louis, Missouri to [redacted] in the St. Louis area. He advised that he quit Samsonite of his own volition and as far as he knows there was no hard feelings from the company and he carries no hard feelings toward the company. [redacted] advised that in the summer of 1971, he believes in August of 1971, he traveled to Camden, New Jersey and stayed [redacted] for one week. During this time period he was in-between jobs and was unemployed. He had an idea to attempt to borrow as much as \$12,000 in order that he might go into a business of his own. His efforts were unsuccessful and he returned to St. Louis and considered going into business with [redacted] He had problems working with [redacted] and finally went to work [redacted] He is not positive where he stayed in New Jersey but he believes it was the [redacted] in Westmont, New Jersey, near Camden. He stated he does not recall where he was on the day before Thanksgiving, November 24, 1971. He more than likely was visiting [redacted], who resides at [redacted], Chesterfield, Mo.

Interviewed on 7/5/74 at Ellisville, Missouri File # SL 164-63

SA JOHN N. CAMPBELL
by SA [redacted]

Date dictated 7/9/74

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[redacted] was interviewed aboard Continental Airlines Flight 988 at Stapleton International Airport, Denver, Colorado at approximately 3:25 p.m. on July 9, 1974. [redacted] was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] advised that he presently resides at [redacted], Vancouver, British Columbia, and has so resided there for a period of eight years. He stated that he [redacted] and was, until a few months ago, employed by British Columbia Hydro, 700 West Pender, Vancouver, British Columbia; that he is presently unemployed and is seeking a position with an oil company which will be doing construction of the Alaska Pipeline. [redacted] advised that he has never been a pilot or crew member of any aircraft nor had he ever been involved in any military activity involving parachuting nor does he belong to any skydiving organization.

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[redacted] was asked if he had ever been involved in any skyjacking and if he had any specific knowledge regarding the skyjacking of the Northwest Orient Flight on November 24, 1971. [redacted] advised that he was completely unfamiliar with that aircraft hijacking.

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[redacted] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Canadian
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6'
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Brown (receding hairline)
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	[redacted]

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Canadian Social
Security Card # [redacted]

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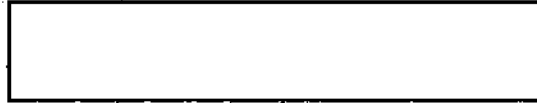
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Driver's License



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[redacted] Lakewood, Colorado, telephone [redacted], appeared at the Denver Office of the FBI where he advised that he desired to talk about D. B. COOPER.

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[redacted] explained that he had recently read an article which had an artist's conception of D. B. COOPER in a magazine. [redacted] stated that during the middle part of November, 1974, [redacted] went on vacation in Gwayma, Mexico, which is located approximately ten miles from St. Carlos Bay, Mexico. While he was there he met an individual by the name of [redacted] described as a White male American, age 40 - 45, 5'8½", 155 pounds, with black hair and olive complexion. [redacted] explained that [redacted] sold a certain type of fishing lure which [redacted] wanted to purchase. During his conversation with [redacted] that he worked at the South Store, Diamond Lake, Oregon, during the summer months and that he vacationed in Mexico during the winter months. He said [redacted] further told him that he had been going to Mexico for the past four to five years with [redacted] said he only saw once and could not describe. [redacted] said that [redacted] was living in a trailer in the Marina adjacent to St. Carlos Bay, Mexico. He noted that [redacted] had a 14 foot aluminum boat with nine horsepower motor, either a ½ or ¾ ton truck with a low profile camper, and a 21 foot air stream house trailer.

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[redacted] was displayed an artist's conception of D. B. COOPER and stated that the artist's conception was a [redacted]

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[redacted] Lakewood, Colorado, telephone [redacted] appeared at the Denver Office of the FBI where he advised that he desired to talk about D. B. COOPER.

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[redacted] was displayed an artist's conception of D. B. COOPER and stated that the artist's conception was a [redacted]

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[redacted] advised as follows relevant to the true identity of passenger DAN COOPER, who hijacked a Northwest Airlines flight in 1971:

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The informant's source for this information is [redacted] which has [redacted] address of Wasilla, Alaska.

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information from JUNE HANSON.

JUNE HANSON was killed in an auto accident April, 1973, at Anchorage, Alaska. She had been employed in the Retarded Children's Ward at Nurse's Hospital, Anchorage, Alaska. JUNE HANSON [redacted] [redacted] JUNE HANSON lived [redacted] (Last Name Unknown). She dated [redacted]

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[redacted] hijacked the plane in question. He was [redacted] name unknown, [redacted]

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[redacted] It is not known if they are or are not airline pilots. They originated in a town in Montana. This town, name unknown, is located near Interstate Highway 90, between Billings and Butte, Montana. [redacted] was living in Nevada at the time of the hijacking.

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Re: [REDACTED]

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The above-captioned [REDACTED] was formerly
carried as "UNKNOWN SUBJECT CONCERNING WHOM [REDACTED]
IS ALLEGEDLY KNOWLEDGEABLE".

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[redacted] Kenai, Alaska, telephone number [redacted], was contacted at Falcon Aviation, Inc., Kenai Airport, telephone number 283-7657, where he is employed [redacted]

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[redacted] said that approximately four or five years ago he was employed [redacted] at Coast Air, Ketchikan, Alaska. An individual by the name of [redacted] was hired off the street by Coast Air [redacted] and eventually worked [redacted] worked for Coast Air about nine months and [redacted] to take a position [redacted] Anchorage, Alaska; and [redacted] left Ketchikan via air for Seattle, Washington, talking of going to Canada [redacted] The departure of [redacted] from Ketchikan preceded the hijacking of Northwest Orient Airlines flight number 305 on November 24, 1971.

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[redacted] is a white male, who would be approximately 30 years old at the present time, 5 feet 11 inches tall, slim build, 160-170 pounds, dark brown hair worn slightly below the collar, clean-shaven, and dark eyes. [redacted] was single and claimed to be an Army veteran of Vietnam where he had served [redacted] purported to have had experience as a parachutist and was a very intelligent person who seemed to know a great deal about many different subjects and who possessed a [redacted] While in Ketchikan, [redacted] associated with the [redacted] claimed to have previously visited northern Alaska cities, such as Bethel and Kotzebue.

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[redacted] said he could furnish no further information regarding [redacted] background, relatives, or associates.

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[redacted] said that about two months after the aforesaid hijacking, [redacted] at Vancouver, British Columbia, addressed [redacted] at Coast Air and forwarded [redacted] said.

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[redacted]
 Denver, telephone number [redacted] was displayed a photograph of [redacted] stated [redacted] bore a "good" resemblance to the individual who skyjacked the Northwest Orient plane. She stated due to the length of time that has passed since the skyjacking, she could not positive state whether [redacted] was this individual, but note part of her problem was due to the haziness of the photograph. She stated the receding hairline and the ears of [redacted] appeared to be identical, but she was somewhat troubled by the roundness of the face and the broadness of the nose.

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[redacted]
Denver, Colorado, telephone [redacted], was interviewed at the Stewardess Office, Frontier Airlines, Stapleton International Airport, Denver, Colorado.

[redacted] was furnished a copy of her interview, which was conducted on November 24, 1971, regarding the hijacking of Northwest Orient Airlines (NOA), Flight 305, in Portland, Oregon, on November 24, 1971. After reading her interview of November 24, 1971, [redacted] was furnished a copy of Wyoming Operator's License [redacted] in the name of [redacted], date of birth [redacted], 5'7", 160 pounds.

[redacted] stated that upon reviewing her interview and looking at the photo that [redacted] does bear a resemblance to the individual who hijacked NOA Flight 305. She noted, however, that the hijacker was considerably taller than the 5'7" height, which is depicted on [redacted] driver's license, and that the nose of [redacted] appeared to be somewhat broader than that of the hijacker's.

[redacted] further noted it has been five years since the hijacking and that she seriously doubted whether or not she could identify the individual from photos and that she would have to see him in person before making any kind of identification.

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[redacted] Sarasota, Florida, telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Sarasota Resident
Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Sarasota,
Florida, and furnished the following information: *Sub Q*

[redacted] had resided at [redacted]
Sarasota, up until three weeks ago when he moved into
his newly purchased residence noted above. He has been
employed since [redacted] by the
Internal Revenue Service, Federal Building, Sarasota.

[redacted] who was born [redacted]
[redacted] had graduated from [redacted] Oak
Park, Illinois, during [redacted] From [redacted] he
had served in the United States Army. During the winter
quarter of [redacted] he had enrolled at the University of
Washington, Seattle, Washington, and had attended that
school until he graduated during December, [redacted]. During
[redacted] he joined the Seattle Police Department with
whom he had served until [redacted] at which time he was called
back to active duty with the United States Army, Military
Police Corps. He had served on active duty until [redacted] at
which time he returned to the Seattle Police Department.
During [redacted] he had taken a leave of absence from the Seattle
Police Department for [redacted]

[redacted] and he
had returned to the Seattle Police Department. He had
continued his employment with the Seattle Police Department
until March, [redacted] when he had resigned and entered on active
duty in the United States Army as a [redacted]
[redacted] He had served with the United States Army until he was
released to inactive duty as a reserve officer during June,
[redacted] He had been a [redacted] at the time of his release to

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SA [redacted]

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inactive duty. Subsequently, he served for one year as the [redacted] at the Candle General Hospital, having been employed by the United Security Agency at Savannah, Georgia. He had also sold life insurance for a short period of time prior to entering employment with the Internal Revenue Service at Sarasota, Florida.

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Specifically, on or about November 24, 1971 [redacted] had been serving on active duty in the capacity of [redacted] Fort Stewart, Georgia. He had served in this capacity from [redacted] when he was released to inactive duty status. He recalled that on Thanksgiving Day, 1971 he had been at Fort Stewart, noting that he had not visited [redacted]

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[redacted] His presence at Fort Stewart could be proven by the various daily reports which he would have signed in his capacity as [redacted]. He estimated that he probably signed 90 percent of the required papers of this organization, the [redacted] Fort Stewart, inasmuch as the [redacted] is normally only a figurehead. He recalled that the various documents associated with the daily operation of the [redacted] were only maintained one year, and then they were placed in dead storage at an unknown location. Specifically, he had not been in the northwest section of the United States, including Portland, Oregon, or Seattle, Washington, on or about November 24, 1971.

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[redacted] considered himself to be a skilled parachutist possessing [redacted] was a [redacted] and had made 55 parachute jumps, all in the military service. He had made his last parachute jump during [redacted] while on reserve status. From the early part of [redacted] until [redacted] he had been a member of the [redacted] an active reserve group of the United States Army, which met either weekly or monthly at Fort Lawton, Washington. The group in Seattle consisted of approximately 16 members who were mostly older persons then in their late 30's or early 40's. The entire reserve group consisted of approximately 100 members from various cities on the West Coast. He has not flown too much over the Portland-Seattle area, noting that his last qualification jumps had been made in Georgia and Utah. The only time he has flown over Portland was approximately three times during [redacted] en route to and from training missions in the

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[redacted]
[redacted] Sarasota, Florida, telephone number 813 - 371-
[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Sarasota Resident
Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Sarasota,
Florida, and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] had resided at [redacted]
Sarasota, up until three weeks ago when he moved into
his newly purchased residence noted above. He has been
employed since [redacted] by the
Internal Revenue Service, Federal Building, Sarasota.

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Washington, Seattle, Washington, and had attended that
school until he graduated during December, [redacted] During
[redacted] he joined the Seattle Police Department with
whom he had served until [redacted] at which time he was called
back to active duty with the United States Army, Military
Police Corps. He had served on active duty until [redacted] at
which time he returned to the Seattle Police Department.
During [redacted] he had taken a leave of absence from the Seattle
Police Department for [redacted]

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continued his employment with the Seattle Police Department
until March, [redacted] when he had resigned and entered on active
duty in the United States Army as a [redacted]
[redacted] He had served with the United States Army until he was
released to inactive duty as a reserve officer during June,
[redacted] He had been a [redacted] at the time of his release to

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[redacted] was located at his residence [redacted] North Litchfield Beach, South Carolina, at which time he was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] provided the following information:

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Although a resident of North Litchfield Beach he is [redacted] in Miami, Florida. In addition to [redacted] in Beaverton, Oregon, a suburb of Portland, Oregon. Approximately two or three years ago a Beaverton [redacted] in Beaverton, Oregon, and is now possibly hospitalized in the Veteran's Administration (VA) Hospital, Portland, Oregon. At the time [redacted] the [redacted] an individual whom he knows as [redacted] seemed like an exceptionally intelligent man to be [redacted] claimed that it was important that he obtain a good paying job since he was a [redacted]. He stated that he was [redacted]. In addition to claiming [redacted] also claimed to have had [redacted] also claimed to have been employed with a Vancouver, Washington, [redacted]. While with this Vancouver firm he made [redacted] to Alaska.

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[redacted] advised that he is very familiar with the sky-jacking of the Northwest Airline Flight from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1971. Last year (September 1974) after he terminated [redacted]

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[redacted] he began thinking that [redacted] could quite conceivably be responsible for the hi-jacking of this plane. [redacted] provided the following reasons why he suspected [redacted] of this sky-jacking:

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated [redacted]

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1. [] claimed to have pilot and sky-diving experience. He also claimed to have been in the Air Force. [] told him that he had been a commercial pilot and while employed []

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[] stated that he has flown with [] and [] appeared to use good judgement, however, did not seem to be up on the latest SAA requirements. [] stated he [] and this was easily discernible to him.

2. [] has indicated he was in the Portland, Oregon, area during the time of the sky-jacking. On November 24, 1971, [], was in Tucson, Arizona. [] was allegedly working in Tucson, Arizona, at this time, however, when he was first employed []

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[] sometime in 1972 he told him [] that he had just terminated his employment in Vancouver. [] advised that throughout conversation with [] he was never able to determine whether [] was actually in Vancouver or in Tucson on November 24, 1971.

3. [] appeared to cover [] While employed [] [] advised he always felt that [] reason []

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4. [] claim to be impoverished, however, at the same time appearing to have a large amount of money. [] kept two heavy safes at []

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He claimed that these safes contained [] [] advised that he has in fact seen a [] [] further advised that he felt [] was paranoid about burglars. []

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it from burglars. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he was unable
to identify the [redacted]

When [redacted]
September, 1974, he left several

[redacted]
(not further described) [redacted]

[redacted] When [redacted]
[redacted] he took one of the safes with
him to [redacted]

[redacted], in
Beaverton, Oregon. The second safe
was moved from [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] advised he has not seen [redacted] since
October 1974 at which time [redacted]
[redacted] in Beaverton, Oregon, and residing at [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] reviewed the FBI artist's conception of the
individual responsible for hi-jacking the Northwest Airline
Flight from Portland to Seattle on November 24, 1971. [redacted]
stated that there is a striking similarity between the facial
features of [redacted] and the man in the artist's concep-
tion.

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[redacted] provided the following description and
background information on [redacted]

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Name:	[redacted]
Aliases:	None known
Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Age:	35 to 37

Hair: Dishwater blonde
to brown in color
(full beard)
Eyes: Very blue
Facial Features: Square face

[redacted]

[redacted]

retired architect out of Cleveland,
Ohio, currently residing [redacted]
[redacted] in Sugar Loaf Key, Florida;

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] described [redacted] as being extremely intelligent
with an IQ of approximately 150, soft-spoken and a loner. [redacted]
was not a smoker, however, had stated that he had quit smoking
at one time. He appeared to be in rather good physical shape,
however, [redacted]

[redacted] handles
money very cautiously and does not trust banks. He pays his
bills with cash and protects his private safes or vaults with
[redacted] appears to be the type of individual that

[redacted]
[redacted] never had any social acquaintances although
he frequently talked of having several friends. [redacted] never
used any type of curse words, however, would say
goddam or dammit. His voice was very soft spoken or middle
range. His dress when not working was always casual and
very seldom would he wear good clothes.

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[redacted]
[redacted]
Cherry Hill, New Jersey, was apprised of the identities of
SAs [redacted] as Special
Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted]
furnished the following voluntary information:

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[redacted] was advised that he resembled an individual
who was the subject of an FBI investigation and was asked
to furnish pertinent information concerning his background,
which [redacted] agreed to furnish. [redacted] advised he was
formerly in the U. S. Navy in the [redacted]
from [redacted]. He said
he was a Navy Chief during the period of time he was
in the U. S. Navy. He said he never had training in flying
or the use of parachutes. [redacted] said he is separated

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[redacted]
[redacted] Delran, New Jersey. He stated that during the period
of November 1971 he was employed by Sunday Publications,
1966 Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida, with offices
in Caldwell, New Jersey. He said he began his employment
with Sunday Publications approximately November 1971.

[redacted] said he has been living in New Jersey for the past
ten years and prior to Sunday Publications was employed
by the Walter Engle Company, 420 Madison Avenue, New York
City, New York. [redacted] said he has never been West of Chicago
and has never been in Seattle, Portland or the Las Vegas
area.

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[redacted] voluntarily stated [redacted]
[redacted] Delran,
New Jersey, and that [redacted] home telephone number is
[redacted]. When advised of the slight resemblance of
[redacted] to the individual known as D. B. COOPER, [redacted] said
he has never used an alias nor has he ever been involved
with parachutes or jumping out of an airplane. [redacted]
said he has never been in any financial status wherein he
would have had \$200,000. He said, as a matter of fact, that
he is attempting to start his own church publications

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magazine and that he is having trouble financing such a venture.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Age	[REDACTED]
Weight	160
Eyes	Green
Height	5'10"
Hair	Brown, almost bald
Race	White
Social Security #	[REDACTED]
Wife	[REDACTED]
Wife's address	[REDACTED]
Employment	Delran, New Jersey
Previous employ- ments	Self-employed Sunday Publications, 1966 Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida. Local address - Caldwell, New Jersey, phone 201-623-0966. Walter Engle Company, 420 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York, [REDACTED]

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[redacted]
Oklahoma, telephone [redacted], was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and provided the following information.

[redacted] stated he is presently employed by United Farm Service as [redacted] and has worked for them since [redacted]. He was formerly employed by Air America Airlines from [redacted] having been terminated with them as a result of the close down of the war in VietNam. He advised Air American Airlines primarily carried government contract freight and all of the work that he was involved with them was in Southeast Asia.

[redacted] advised his records reveal he took leave and returned to the United States from July 8, 1971 to August 1, 1971 and again from approximately June 10, 1972 to January, 1973. He advised due to this leave, he does not believe he was in the United States during the Thanksgiving period of 1971.

He advised that during his employment with Air America Airlines, he was under the immediate supervision [redacted] who now resides at [redacted] Lexington, Kentucky.

He stated he did not recall a film on parachuting from a 727 airplane, however, he had heard that several employees of Air America had parachuted from such a plane with no problems and he believed it could be done with relative ease depending upon the minimum speed of the aircraft (this speed unknown to [redacted]).

[redacted] advised he worked as a smoke-jumper during the summers of 1961 and 1962 in Montana, and the summers of 1963 through 1965 in Fairbanks, Alaska. He advised he is familiar with northern Idaho and Montana but not with the state of Washington. He admitted he probably had flown over Washington on leave while returning to the United States from Southeast Asia, however, he does not recall actually being in Portland or Seattle during 1971.

[redacted] advised he is not a pilot but was [redacted]. He stated most [redacted] for Air America had parachute backgrounds in 30% of the freight [redacted] that

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handled by Air America was parachuted for delivery. He advised that he had no trouble with American Airlines, with the exception of some benefits amounting to \$4300 which he received this year. He advised he had trouble claiming this in connection with his employment with American Airlines, in that his employment was split by military service.

[redacted] denied having any information on the hijacking and observed the artist's conceptions of the subject, and stated he could not think of anyone similar to the pictures. The following description was taken from observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'11"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Green
Social Security Account #	[redacted]
Army Serial Number	[redacted]
Religion	[redacted]
Habits and Standard of Living	Does not appear to smoke cigarettes and was engaged in a modest standard of living.
Education	Bachelor of Arts Degree, from Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, having graduated [redacted]
Complexion	Dark
Criminal background	None admitted
Speech accent	None noted of any kind.

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[redacted] Oklahoma, telephone [redacted], was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and provided the following information. *Sub*

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[redacted] stated he is presently employed by United Farm Service as [redacted] and has worked for them since [redacted]. He was formerly employed by Air America Airlines from [redacted] having been terminated with them as a result of the close down of the war in VietNam. He advised Air American Airlines primarily carried government contract freight and all of the work that he was involved with them was in Southeast Asia.

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[redacted] advised his records reveal he took leave and returned to the United States from July 8, 1971 to August 1, 1971 and again from approximately June 10, 1972 to January, 1973. He advised due to this leave, he does not believe he was in the United States during the Thanksgiving period of 1971.

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He advised that during his employment with Air America Airlines, he was under the immediate supervision [redacted] who now resides at [redacted] Lexington, Kentucky.

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He stated he did not recall a film on parachuting from a 727 airplane, however, he had heard that several employees of Air America had parachuted from such a plane with no problems and he believed it could be done with relative ease depending upon the minimum speed of the aircraft (this speed unknown to [redacted])

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[redacted] advised he worked as a smoke-jumper during the summers of 1961 and 1962 in Montana, and the summers of 1963 through 1965 in Fairbanks, Alaska. He advised he is familiar with northern Idaho and Montana but not with the state of Washington. He admitted he probably had flown over Washington on leave while returning to the United States from Southeast Asia, however, he does not recall actually being in Portland or Seattle during 1971.

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[redacted] advised he is not a pilot but was [redacted]. He stated most [redacted] Air America had parachute backgrounds in 30% of the freight [redacted] that

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by SA [redacted]

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handled by Air America was parachuted for delivery. He advised that he had no trouble with American Airlines, with the exception of some benefits amounting to \$4300 which he received this year. He advised he had trouble claiming this in connection with his employment with American Airlines, in that his employment was split by military service.

[redacted] denied having any information on the hijacking and observed the artist's conceptions of the subject, and stated he could not think of anyone similar to the pictures. The following description was taken from observation and interview:

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Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'11"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Green
Social Security Account #	[redacted]
Army Serial Number	[redacted]
Religion	[redacted]
[redacted]	
Habits and Standard of Living	Does not appear to smoke cigarettes and was engaged in a modest standard of living.
Education	Bachelor of Arts Degree, from Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, having graduated [redacted]
Complexion	Dark
Criminal background	None admitted
Speech accent	None noted of any kind.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Wyoming, telephone [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of the nature of the interview. She furnished the following information:

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She had [redacted] who later advised that his original name was [redacted] but he had officially changed his name in August, 1967, in Rock Springs, Wyoming. She had applied [redacted]
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She described [redacted] as follows:

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Name	[redacted]
Alias	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'11" to 6'0"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Dark brown or black, short. If he let it grow long, it would be naturally curly, parted on the left side.
Sideburns	Middle of ear
Eyes	Brown
Age	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Complexion	Dark, olive; possibly Latin or Indian blood.
Accent	None
Habits	1) Smokes moderately, has smoked Winston, Marlboro, Camel Filters, Raleigh Filters and Pall Mall cigarettes.

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[] stated that [] had been born [] At that time, [] had been in Rock Springs and was living with [] telephone []. She does not know where or if he was working. He had left Rock Springs shortly after the [] and had not returned to Rock Springs until the Fall of 1972. At that time, he had stopped by the [] residence in [] Wyoming, for a couple of days to say hello. He was not driving any type of vehicle and did not say where he was going when he left. He had wanted to []

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[] He did not seem to have any money at that time.

[] stated that she last heard from him in December, 1974, when he called the home [], Wyoming, from Ely, Nevada. He had wanted to come back []. He had told her that he had been in Alaska and Canada and owned quite a bit of land in both these places. He had also said that he had "money in the bank". She had []

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[] She has not heard from him since then.

[] stated that she has lived [] because the majority of the time, [] was gone. She does not know where he worked or even if he worked. She stated that [] was a loner and never told her anything about what he was doing.

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She recalled that when he was not drinking he was very intelligent and had a very good command of the English language. However, when drinking, he was very belligerent and used foul language.

She and [] did their banking at the State Bank of Green River, Wyoming, however, this account had been closed by her in 1972.

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She provided three photographs of [] two pictures taken in 1967 and one snapshot taken in 1972 when [] had dropped in for about three days.

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She recalled that [] had told her that he had been a paratrooper in the military stationed in Germany and had done a good deal of jumping. She did not know what branch of the service he was in or the dates. She thought he had been going under the name [] at that time. She recalled that he mentioned that he had received his GED certificate of high school graduation while in the military.

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At this time, the physical description of the unknown subject, also known as [], was reviewed with [] and she advised that on all the points mentioned, it seemed to be a description of [].

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[redacted] also known as [redacted] Decatur, Georgia, was located for interview at the Alabama International Speedway, Talladega, Alabama. At the outset [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and told that the proposed interview concerned statements attributed to [redacted] concerning [redacted] knowledge of the hijacking of the Northwest Airlines Flight No. 350 at Portland, Oregon, on November 24, 1971.

[redacted] stated that he was at the Alabama International Speedway at this time for the purpose of [redacted] [redacted] appeared extremely nervous and after hearing the details of those statements attributed to [redacted] while he was in Mansfield, Ohio, [redacted] volunteered that he would just tell [redacted]

[redacted] explained that he recalled sharing a room in Mansfield, Ohio, with an Akron, Ohio police officer, whose name [redacted] was unable to recall. [redacted] further explained that he was in Mansfield, Ohio, [redacted] the races held there during the latter part of May or first of June of 1975, and at the race track had met this individual. During conversation this individual mentioned that he was unable to locate a motel room and [redacted] had voluntarily offered to share his room.

Following that day's race, [redacted] went out for a few drinks and upon returning to [redacted] room [redacted] found this police officer watching television. [redacted] stated that a discussion ensued between he and this individual concerning several topics, two of which [redacted]

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[] stated that he was unable to recall exactly what had triggered the conversation [] unless it had been something on the television.

[] related that while he recalled talking about how the individual involved in the hijacking of the airplane would have needed a background in parachuting and aeronautical engineering [] emphatically denied that he ever mentioned the name [] stated that he did serve in the special forces with a (First Name Unknown) [] was not particularly close with this individual and had not had any contact with this [] since having been released from service. [] stated that also this was the first time he had ever heard the name of [] stated that he did not know the name used by the individual hijacking airlines when he registered for the flight.

Further [] stated that he never said anything during this conversation at Mansfield, Ohio about anyone contacting him [] to assist in any type of job. [] stated he vaguely recalled that during the conversation [] discussed with the party sharing his room several ideas [] had for a novel and one of these ideas included the use of special forces in the overthrow of a country. [] admitted that during this conversation he might have stated that a special forces trained man could have committed the sky jacking and probably bragged about the fast training which includes parachute training that special forces troupes receive in the U. S. Army.

[] again emphatically denied having ever been contacted by anyone by the name [] since [] had been released from the service and stated that he has no reason to suspect [] or anyone else in this hijacking of the Northwest Airlines plane. [] stated that he was at a loss to understand why this individual with whom he shared a room at Mansfield, Ohio, would have attributed these statements to him.

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and El Paso nitel to Bureau, 9/12/75.

Enclosed for Seattle are four copies and
for Alexandria one copy of FD-302 reflecting interview
of [redacted].

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[redacted] El Paso, Texas, was interviewed at the Chamizal National Memorial, U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, 800 San Marcial, where he is employed [redacted]

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[redacted] by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] who immediately identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] was advised of the purpose of this interview and voluntarily furnished the following information:

On September 10, 1975, he read the article in the El Paso Times, captioned "Suspected Skyjacker Calls Similarity 'Kind of Scary'" with date line, Washington, which reflected that an acquaintance of his, [redacted] might possibly be identical with D. B. COOPER, the airline hijacker who parachuted with \$200,000 ransom money from a Northwest Orient, 727 Jet on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, and was never seen again.

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On September 10, or September 11, 1975, he attempted to contact [redacted] through [redacted], and eventually spoke with [redacted] who stated that "they" were having a hard time remembering what [redacted] did on or about Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, until he [redacted] refreshed her memory.

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On Thursday morning, Thanksgiving Day, date unknown, 1971, at approximately 3 A.M., he drove from his residence at [redacted] Alexandria, Virginia to [redacted] east of Fairfax City, Virginia where he awoke [redacted] and himself were joined by [redacted] and proceeded in [redacted] automobile on Highway 81 or Highway 66 to Gainesville, Virginia, turning off to Route 55, heading west towards

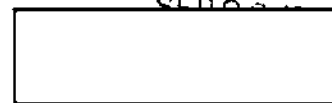
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[redacted]
New York State Credit Union League Incorporated, 1211 Western Avenue, Albany, New York, was contacted at his office and thereafter provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that [redacted] previously [redacted] which he relinquished approximately 1½ years ago. He stated that [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] New York, and is employed by a company named Credit-Serv.

In the way of background, [redacted] of the New York State Credit Union League Incorporated on [redacted] Just prior to obtaining that position, [redacted] worked for approximately one year in Uganda, East Africa. Prior to holding that position he was [redacted] the North Dakota Credit Union League.

[redacted] attempted to contact the National Office of the Credit Union Leagues, however, was unsuccessful in determining the exact dates that [redacted] departed his position in North Dakota and traveled to East Africa. He stated, however, that he would be able to obtain this information in a period of three or four days.

[redacted] provided the first page of a New York State Credit Union League publication, dated [redacted]

Also he provided a copy of [redacted] as it appeared in the records of the Credit Union League.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was a pilot for many years and had received a private pilot's license, however, he questioned whether [redacted] was either physically or mentally capable of perpetrating the hijacking of an airplane and then subsequently parachuted from it. He stated that [redacted] gives every indication of being in poor financial condition, and [redacted] knows of no

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by SA [redacted] PAUL B. TOMPKIN [redacted] Date dictated 6/10/76

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indications that has any considerable amount of money.

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Date of transcription 8/17/76

[redacted] telephone number
[redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted]
and advised that after interviewing Agents had departed
after interview of [redacted] studied the photo-
graph of D. B. COOPER more, he made a statement to the
effect, I didn't want to tell the interviewing Agents this
but, referring to the composite and comparing the composite
with [redacted] he said [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the residence of [redacted] telephone number [redacted]. [redacted] advised he resides at [redacted] California and has telephone number [redacted] after being advised of the official identities of the interviewing Agents, stated that he is employed [redacted] for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at 5125 Central Avenue, Fremont, California, telephone work number [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that recently, while working, the name [redacted] came up as a possible suspect in the D. B. COOPER case. [redacted] related the following events.

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During May through November, 1959, he resided at Seattle attending [redacted] school held near the Seattle Airport. During this time he roomed with another individual by the name of [redacted] was also [redacted] and also held a pilot's license. [redacted] was very interested in getting back to a flying job. [redacted] heard indirectly from another individual that Johnson Flying Service now known as Evergreen, was hiring pilots to fly DC-3s. Evergreen, formerly located at Missoula, Montana, now located at Boeing Field in Seattle, hired [redacted] after checking him out on a DC-3 in [redacted]. [redacted] advised this was the last time that he saw [redacted].

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Just prior to [redacted] leaving FAA, [redacted] shows up at [redacted] can only recall by the first name of [redacted] and described her as follows:

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Sex	Female
Age	Then approximately 28
Height	5'6"
Hair	Dark
Build	Medium, outstanding figure
Complexion	Olive

[redacted] understood [redacted] to be from Kanab, Utah. [redacted] apparently had met her while he was prospecting in [redacted].

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Date of transcription 8/5/76

[redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at [redacted] Seattle, Washington. [redacted] was informed by SA [redacted] that he desired to talk to him about the [redacted] and upon executing an interrogation; Advice of Rights form, [redacted] advised as follows:

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[redacted] stated he had been [redacted] in Alaska in approximately January, 1976, and returned to Spokane, Washington, [redacted] but this charge was dismissed with prejudice by the court because after approximately six months, the authorities failed to bring any charges against him. [redacted] advised he was brought to Seattle from Spokane, Washington, [redacted] that were outstanding against him in Seattle, Washington. He stated he had [redacted]

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[redacted] further stated he has not talked to his attorney as yet, but would prefer going to a federal penitentiary on a federal charge rather than going to jail on a state charge. He stated he will talk to his attorney and then advise SA [redacted] whether he desires to make a statement [redacted]

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[redacted] then as he was preparing to go back to his cell, asked if the FBI was still looking for "D. B. COOPER". When advised in the positive he stated a friend of his was a cellmate of "D. B. COOPER's" while they were in the "joint." When questioned further [redacted] stated his friend is [redacted] who has a reputation of being a "bad guy." He explained this statement by stating that [redacted] is a tough guy and has a reputation of beating people up, etc. He stated according to [redacted] who is serving a life sentence in Walla Walla Penitentiary, his cellmate claims he was "D. B. COOPER" and that according to [redacted] does not lie. [redacted] also advised according to [redacted] this man had all the necessary credentials

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SE 164-81-7037 *Sub Q*

by SA [redacted]

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Date of transcription August 23, 1976

MARION HENRY MOONEY, who resides at Route 1, Box 140, 4855 Jasper Road, was contacted and advised of the identities of SA [REDACTED] MOONEY furnished the following:

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He is a self-employed individual, who for many years has been cutting Christmas trees and speculating in land investments.

Mr. MOONEY advised that in November, 1971, he and [REDACTED] were residing at [REDACTED] Pleasant Hill, Oregon. Mr. MOONEY stated that he recalled that during Thanksgiving evening and Thanksgiving day, 1971, he was at home at his address in Pleasant Hill, Oregon, due to the fact that this was his busy season for cutting Christmas trees, and he was quite busy during that time with his business. Mr. MOONEY further advised that he has never flown in commercial airliners, and that the only time he has ever flown is in private planes on a few occasions around the State of Oregon. MOONEY advised that he did not take any commercial plane flights during the Thanksgiving holidays in 1971 or at any other time.

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MOONEY advised that he was in the U. S. Armored Infantry from January 5, 1941, through November, 1944, and that his service number was 39305403.

It was noted at that time that MOONEY's right front tooth was surrounded by a gold filling, and he advised that he had the dental work done on his right front tooth approximately 15 years ago.

Mr. MOONEY advised that he was aware of the case involving the individual known as D. B. COOPER, who hijacked an airliner and received a large sum of money and subsequently bailed out of the plane he hijacked. Mr. MOONEY stated that he could provide no information regarding that incident, nor did he have any information as to the identity of the individual known as D. B. COOPER.

At this time MOONEY was asked if he would consent to being photographed by the interviewing Agents. MOONEY

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/19/76
SA [REDACTED]

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advised that he has never been in any trouble in all of his life and was willing to cooperate in the fullest with the FBI and would consent to be photographed at that time. At this time SA [] photographed MARION HENRY MOONEY.

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The following description of MOONEY was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	MARION HENRY MOONEY
Date of birth	November 15, 1913
Place of birth	Leona, Oregon
Height	6'
Weight	175 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	White - black streaks
Social Security Account Number	544-01-9080
Scars and marks	6" scar on right knee
Peculiarities	Large nose

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Date of transcription 8/30/76

On August 25, 1976, [] of Royal Globe Insurance Company, 150 William Street, New York City, was contacted at his place of employment. He furnished an anonymous letter which was received by Royal Globe Insurance on August 20, 1976, wherein the writer alleges to know the identity of D. B. COOPER, hijacker of Northwest Airlines Flight 305 on November 24, 1971. Attached to the letter was a newspaper clipping from the January 26, 1975 edition of the Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon.

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[] stated that Royal Globe was the insuring agent for Northwest Airlines and paid out \$180,000 in this matter.

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by SA [] Date dictated 8/30/76

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[redacted] was interviewed at her place of residence. After being informed of the official identity of the interviewing Agent, [redacted] was advised of the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] then furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that [redacted] who is presently out of town but would return shortly. [redacted] advised that in 1971, [redacted] of the North Dakota Credit Union League and they resided in Jamestown, North Dakota.

[redacted] advised that in 1971, [redacted] was selected to represent the United States in Uganda, South Africa as a [redacted] of the Marketing Society in Uganda. [redacted] stated that this essentially involved the application of [redacted] particular skills as a [redacted] to the government of Uganda. [redacted] advised that this selection was made and coordinated by the U.S. Department of State pursuant to the AID Program.

[redacted] advised that they left North Dakota in late November and after spending some time with relatives in Iowa arrived in Washington, D.C. where they were briefed by State Department officials during the last week in November, 1971. [redacted] advised that she could not recall the exact dates of these briefings nor their departure from North Dakota but added that the governor of North Dakota gave them a going-away party prior to their departure.

[redacted] added that [redacted] arrived in Athens, Greece, on [redacted] and arrived in Uganda on [redacted]. [redacted] related that one [redacted] (phonetic) coordinated much of this program at the State Department.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/16/76
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[redacted] and employed as the [redacted] Strauss Fuchs Organization, Inc., Ten Main Center, furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that to supplement information furnished by [redacted], he would add that the programs operated through the State Department in which he was involved were the ACDE (Agriculture Development) International which is a division of AID (Aid to International Development). [redacted] added that one [redacted], U.S. Department of State, is acquainted with [redacted] and his background. [redacted] added that prior to leaving for Uganda, he completed lengthy and detailed forms for the State Department and his background was thoroughly screened.

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[redacted] advised that his primary function in Uganda revolved around [redacted] for the government of Uganda, South Africa.

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[redacted] advised that he is a licensed pilot and often flies the company aircraft on various business trips when his schedule will permit it.

[redacted] stated that he [redacted] were visiting [redacted] Iowa, during the Thanksgiving holidays, 1971, prior to their departure to Uganda.

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[redacted] North Carolina, [redacted] was interviewed at her place of employment, Bruards Incorporated, Highway 70 A, Conover, North Carolina. She furnished the following information:

She stated that she had met [redacted] [redacted] also known as [redacted] in October, 1971, and believes the exact date of October 10 of that year. This was in South Carolina and she believes it was about the time that [redacted]. She began [redacted] and stated on Thanksgiving of 1971, she [redacted] were at the White Stag Lodge at Tryon, North Carolina.

Her recollection is that [redacted] [redacted] before Thanksgiving and that her and [redacted] then went to the White Stag Lodge either on that Tuesday or on Wednesday which would be November 24, 1971. She says that she definitely remembers that [redacted] was not out of her sight for more than a few minutes during this entire week and upon further reflection, recalls that [redacted].

She recalls that she prepared with the assistance [redacted] a very sumptuous dinner for Thanksgiving, this preparation being mostly done the day before Thanksgiving and that another couple, [redacted] from Spartanburg, South Carolina, where they now reside in [redacted], came up to the White Stag Lodge and had Thanksgiving dinner with her [redacted]. She recalls that her [redacted] stayed at the Lodge for some time [redacted] and that she actually [redacted] and she believes [redacted] took place in York, South Carolina. She has not, of this time, [redacted].

[redacted] resides [redacted] South Carolina, with a residence telephone of [redacted] and employed with an employment telephone of [redacted].

interviewed on 11/26/76 at [redacted] N. C. File # CE 164-101
by SA J. [redacted] Date dictated 11/26/76

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Date of transcription 11/30/76

[redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, the Fresno Dodge agency body shop, Fresno, California, by Special Agents [redacted]

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[redacted] identified himself with California Driver's License [redacted]. He is described as a white male, [redacted], 6', 190 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, residence address, [redacted], [redacted], California, telephone number [redacted], [redacted].

[redacted] advised that for the Thanksgiving holidays in 1971, [redacted], traveled from the Seattle area to a Methodist Church Camp, which is known as the Lazy F Ranch, and is located on the Menashtach (phonetic) Creek, 15 miles southeast of Ellensburg, Washington. He stated that [redacted] stayed there several days during Thanksgiving in a large building known as the Trading Post, and the only other person in the area was [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that on Wednesday afternoon, Thanksgiving eve, 1971, he and two of his friends drove up the creek canyon road into the mountains as far as they could drive. They then walked until they were about eight miles from the church camp. They had gone into this area to hunt grouse, and during the trip they saw nothing to indicate any human presence whatsoever. He recalls they passed some mountain summer cabins, approximately one and one-half miles from the camp, which were boarded and closed.

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[redacted] stated that about 1:00 p.m. it began to snow, and by 9:30 p.m. that evening there was eight inches of fresh snow on the ground. At about 11:30 p.m., the group was preparing for bed, and one of his friends, [redacted], went out to shovel snow from the porch. He returned a moment later and announced there was a man outside the camp yelling for help. [redacted] stated that all of the men went out and encountered this individual at the perimeter of the camp, who was carrying a gallon wine bottle, which only appeared to have two inches of wine remaining. The

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by SA's [redacted] Date dictated 11/30/76

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man appeared to be very frightened and was very reluctant to come into the camp and particularly, into the building. He ran from them at least twice and had to be coaxed back. Finally, they were able to talk to the man and he immediately requested that he be taken to the main highway. [] stated that he asked the man where he had come from, and what he was doing, and the man said that he had been hunting up in the canyon and that he had been staying in one of the summer cabins.

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[] stated the man indicated he was hunting elk, and that this immediately arose his suspicions, as elk season had been over for two weeks. They asked where his hunting equipment was, and the man claimed that he had fallen in the creek and lost all his gear. However, he was unable to explain his dry clothing. Further, he never explained how he arrived in the area and there was no car visible around the camp, or on the road to the camp.

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[] stated that he is very familiar with this area, having hunted elk and camped at the church camp numerous times, and stated that without driving a vehicle down the church camp road, a 35-mile hike would be involved to arrive at this location. [] stated that further observation indicated to him that while the man appeared to be acting intoxicated, he was in reality quite sober, and appeared to be very frightened and very cold. He recalled that the temperature at that time was about 22 degrees.

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He described the individual as a white male, 28 to 35 years, 5'10", 185-195 pounds, muscular-solid build, light brown hair, slightly curly, slender face, reddish complexion, clean shaven, did not appear to be dirty or unkempt, as if he had been camping. The man was wearing a short-sleeved wool Pendleton shirt, brown, gold and green in color, and underneath it he was wearing a grey flannel sweat shirt. He was wearing Levi's and [] could not recall his shoes.

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The man continued to insist upon being transported to the highway and offered to pay any amount of money for transportation. When the men declined, he started walking down the road. At this point, the men restrained him and offered to discuss the situation further. They then woke up [redacted], at which time they asked the man for identification. [redacted] stated that when he asked the man if he had a wallet, he, [redacted], patted the man's shirt pocket and felt something. The man stated he had no wallet, and [redacted] withdrew a bottle of pills from the shirt pocket. The man indicated that the pills were a prescription.

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[redacted] stated he recalls the pill bottle bore a label from the University Village Pay and Save Store. He stated he could recall the label because he once sold Breck Hair Products and called on the same store, which he knows to be located in the University District near the football stadium in Seattle. He stated further, that he could recall something of the prescription number, the first three digits of which he believes were [redacted], and possibly ending with [redacted]. He stated he further recalls the doctor's name was a [redacted], or something similar. He stated he does not think the man's name was on the label or at least he has no recollection of it. He stated the man may have told them a name, but he could not recall that either.

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During this time the man continued to request to be taken to the highway and again offered to pay, at which time he produced a large roll of \$20.00 bills, which also included some \$100.00 bills, [redacted] believes. Payment was declined by [redacted] and three of the individuals then agreed to take the man to Ellensburg. He stated they left at about 1:30 a.m., and arrived in Ellensburg at about 3:00 a.m. The man again offered to pay them, which they declined, but agreed to let him buy them breakfast at a 24-hour cafe, located next to the Holiday Inn in Ellensburg. After ordering, the man excused himself to go to the restroom and when he did not return, the men went to the door and

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saw the man running west on Highway 10 towards Seattle.

[] advised that he also recalled the man saying something about living in Seattle in the University District, possibly on Third Street near the east end of the Aurora Bridge,

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[] stated that the men returned to the camp and the next morning he and possibly two of his friends, were suspicious of the man's story and followed his foot tracks back up the canyon to the summer cabins, where they found one of them had been burglarized, obviously by the same man. [] speculated that that was possibly where the jug of wine was obtained. He stated that he followed the man's tracks approximately another mile up the canyon to a point where they went up a steep hillside.

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[] stated that at no time did he ever see any vehicle or vehicle tracks that could have been connected with this individual.

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[] stated that later that afternoon, [] went out to the car radio to listen to the Oklahoma-Nebraska football game, and heard about the hijacking. He stated they briefly joked about whether the man they saw the previous night could have been the hijacker, but did not give it any serious consideration. He stated that he was further dissuaded from believing there was any connection after seeing the composite photograph of the hijacker and the flight path of the aircraft, which were published in the newspapers, as they did not fit this incident. He also later heard that several people knew the identity of COOPER, so he believed the case was solved. He then learned that these people were prosecuted for furnishing false information and did not want to get involved in a similar situation.

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[] stated however, that the composite photograph he saw during the Thanksgiving holidays, 1976, on television does appear to be similar to his recollection of this man.

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[] furnished the identities of the following people, who were present with him at the camp:

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Telephone []

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Richland, Washington

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General Telephone Company employee
Bothell, Washington

[]
Bothell, Washington

[] stated that neither he, or to his knowledge, any of his friends, have ever reported this incident to any law enforcement authorities. He stated that he does not believe the burglary of the summer cabin was ever reported.

[] stated that he would be completely willing to assist in any way possible, including returning to the area or submitting to hypnosis to assist in this investigation, and regrets his delay in reporting this matter.

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Having met with [redacted] in the Green Mountain area, southwest of Ariel, Washington, I was directed by [redacted] to an area about [redacted] in a heavily wooded area. He pointed out a pair of tattered pants hanging from a small bush and stated these were the pants he had located about October 22 or 23, 1976, when he was hunting deer in the area.

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The pants were identified and placed in a small plastic bag. The immediate area was walked over and examined but nothing was observed except for the debris of the forests. Nothing was seen that would indicate anyone had been in the area as there was no sign of any material in the area.

The sight was marked for future search and the pants were taken to the Portland office of the FBI where they were prepared for shipment to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C.

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by SA RICHARD AVERY DYER: [redacted] Date dictated 11/29/76

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[redacted] advised he was deer hunting on or about October 23, 1976, about [redacted] and saw a movement in the trees. He said he thought he saw a deer and approached the area, only to notice a pair of pants hanging in the trees. He said it was about 25 feet from the ground and the pants were covered with leaves and fir tree needles. He continued that he obtained a long stick and removed the pants from the branch it was resting on and examined the pockets looking for identification. He said the pockets were empty so he left the pants in the trees.

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[redacted] pointed out he did not think too much about the pants only that they did not appear to be pants that a logger or possibly a hunter would discard in the woods. He said in his 40 years in the woods he never saw pants hanging from a tree that height from the ground before. He said he read some of the recent articles about D.B. COOPER and thought the pants might be important in that investigation:

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Interviewed on 11/23/76 at Ariel, Washington File # SE 164-81-725
by SA RICHARD AVERY DYER: [redacted] Date dictated 11/29/76

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/30/76*Sub Q*
164-81-7768

Mrs. GRACE L. RAMSEY, 1557 Eslava Street, Mobile, Alabama, telephone 478-1324, was interviewed at her residence. She was advised of the identity of interviewing Agents as well as the nature of the interview. She supplied the following information:

Mrs. RAMSEY advised that her son, HARRY HUBERT RAMSEY, is on mental disability from Alabama Dry Docks and Shipbuilding Company in Mobile, Alabama. She advised that he has been mentally unable to function for himself for the past three to four years. She also indicated that her son frequently sends newspaper clippings, pictures and other information to various agencies around the United States. She advised that she believed he was stationed in Edgewood, Maryland or at least has been in the National Guard.

Mrs. RAMSEY advised that HARRY's wife, SHARON, died in August, 1971 or 1972. Since that time HARRY has been suffering mentally from his wife's death. She also advised that she has several letters back in her bedroom that have also been written to the National Guard Advertising Support Center, Edgewood that she got from her son to mail. A review of these particular letters indicated various news clippings and pictures that are not related to Thanksgiving Eve Skyjacking which took place November, 1971. Mrs. RAMSEY also stated that HARRY has told her on numerous occasions that he is working for the FBI.

Mrs. RAMSEY advised that her son has not been out of the State of Alabama for the past 3 to 4 years and as far as she could remember in 1971 he was with the family on that Thanksgiving Eve. She additionally advised that her son has been arrested on several occasions for public drunk and disorderly conduct.

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/29/76 b6
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Date of transcription 12/30/76

HARRY HUBERT RAMSEY, 1557 Eslava Street, Mobile, Alabama, telephone 478-1324, was interviewed at his residence. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents as well as the nature of the interview. RAMSEY provided the following information:

He advised that he is the individual that mailed several items to the National Guard Advertising Support Center in Edgewood, Maryland. RAMSEY indicated that these items consisted of a color photograph of himself [redacted] a photograph of his late wife, SHARON, [redacted] [redacted] several newspaper clippings; one of these clippings was a news item from the Mobile Press Register dated Sunday, November 14, 1976. The news clipping concerned a Thanksgiving Eve skyjacking which took place on November 24, 1971 in the State of Washington. RAMSEY did not indicate why he sent these particular items to the National Guard advertising Support Center in Edgewood and when questioned concerning this he did not supply an answer.

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RAMSEY additionally advised that he did not wish to talk to the FBI as he might get in trouble.

When questioned further concerning the news item of the Thanksgiving Eve Skyjacking in Washington, RAMSEY indicated he thought it would be a good idea to send it to the National Guard Advertising Support Center as he thought it was still newsworthy.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	HARRY HUBERT RAMSEY
Date of Birth	May 17, 1942
Social Security Number	423-50-2846
Height	5'8½"
Weight	145 pounds

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Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Address	1557 Eslava Street Mobile, Alabama
Telephone	478-1324
Employment	Currently unemployed Retired on mental disability
Previous occupation	Welder
Previous employer	Alabama Shipbuilding and Dry Docks and Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula Mississippi
Mother	GRACE L. RAMSEY Address 1557 Eslava Street Mobile, Alabama Telephone - 478-1324

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Date of transcription

12/13/76

[redacted] who resides at [redacted]
[redacted], Richfield, Minnesota, telephone
[redacted], was interviewed regarding any infor-
mation he has concerning a possible suspect
in the highjacking of a Northwest Airliner
which occurred in 1971, by an individual using
the name D.B. COOPER.

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[redacted] advised that he was acquainted
with an individual who served with him in the
U.S. Army sometime during the period [redacted]

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[redacted] while stationed in Vietnam.
[redacted] advised that at that time he was

attached to the [redacted]

which was located near Pleiku, Vietnam. [redacted]

unit was serving in support of [redacted]

[redacted] advised that this individual,
who he thought could possibly be D.B. COOPER,
was named [redacted] and he was [redacted]

[redacted] with one of the units in the Pleiku area.
[redacted] could have possibly been assigned to the

[redacted]
[redacted].

[redacted] recalled that [redacted] had left
the military service but rejoined shortly before
coming to Vietnam. [redacted] who was [redacted]
[redacted], was possibly from the State of Wash-
ington and was interested in parachuting, although
he was not an Army paratrooper. In addition,
[redacted] had mentioned how he had once [redacted] stopped
[redacted] in the State of Washington and

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[redacted] used to talk frequently about the
mountains in the State of Washington and was very
interested in weapons. [redacted] described [redacted]
as follows:

Interviewed on 12/3/76 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # MP 164-73

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/8/76

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White male, 23-24 years of age, 5'9" - 5'10", 170 pounds, well built, black hair, mustache, wears gray military glasses, single, does not smoke.

[] believes that [] left Vietnam approximately [] and at one time said that if he ever left the military he might try to be a Deputy Sheriff in the State of Washington. [] could not recall what [] first name was or any other pertinent information.

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[] viewed the artist's conceptions of the hijacker known as D.B. COOPER, and advised that they do not in any way resemble the individual he knew in Vietnam as [].

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Date of transcription December 9, 1976

Sergeant Major ROBERT LEE BROTZMAN, G/5 Section, 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was contacted at his place of employment at which time the identity of the interviewing Agent and nature of the interview was made known to him. He furnished the following information:

He stated that he is aware of the hijacking concerning "D. B. COOPER" having read about this hijacking in a sports parachute magazine. He stated that in addition to this, he has seen several tee shirts with the name D. B. COOPER stenciled on them in several sports parachute clubs that he has been associated with over the years.

He stated on many occasion, he has been kidded about being a "look alike" to the artist's description of D. B. COOPER by members of units that he has belonged to in the Army and in other sports parachute clubs.

Sergeant Major BROTZMAN advised he returned from Panama to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 11, 1976, and that he joined the sports parachute club of the 18th Airborne Corps the following week.

He stated he made his first "free fall" parachute jump with the 18th Airborne Corps Sports Parachute Club on November 20, 1976, after joining the parachute club. He stated he has been a parachutist since June of 1954 and has been a "sky diver" or "free fall" parachutist since November of 1972.

Sergeant Major BROTZMAN advised he has been in the United States Army since August 14, 1953, and received his parachute wings in June, 1954, and has been jumping since that date.

He stated he went to Viet Nam, September 25, 1970, and returned on May 2, 1972, and was not in the continental United States at the time of the hijack. *Suisa*
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Interviewed on 12/2/76 at Ft. Bragg, N. C. File # CE 164-101-131
by SA [redacted] / bbp Date dictated 12/6/76

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Sergeant Major BROTZMAN stated that he could furnish no additional information concerning this matter and stated he would be willing to submit to any type of examinations, tests, including polygraph or other interviews with other individuals familiar with this case in order to clear his name. He stated he feels that his name was furnished to the FBI inasmuch as the first day he went to the drop zone to sky dive on November 20, 1976, he introduced himself by name and duty station to all people present and that apparently someone recognized a picture in the newspaper of COOPER and felt that he, BROTZMAN, resembled COOPER.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	ROBERT LEE BROTZMAN
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	August 14, 1936
Place of Birth:	Lincoln, Nebraska
Height:	5 feet, 8 inches
Weight:	165 pounds
Education:	One year college
Military service:	Has been in United States Army since August 14, 1953, presently assigned to G/5 Section, 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Marital status:	Divorced
Social Security Number:	507-36-8981
Residence:	Assigned to Bachelor Enlisted Men's Quarters, Building Number 4T1618, Room 1, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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Date of transcription January 18, 1977b6
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[redacted] was contacted at the Fairbanks District Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), telephone number 452-4725.

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[redacted] informed due to the fact that he has been employed for years as a smokejumper by the BLM, he has had a lot of curiosity type interest in the famous aircraft hijacking pulled off by D. B. COOPER. His interest has been magnified from time to time due to the newspaper publicity put out on this case. His interest has been profounded even more inasmuch as he has jumped into the area where D. B. COOPER allegedly jumped with the hijack loot and the fact that the news media reports this jump would have been very hazardous and most likely D. B. COOPER was killed during the jump. [redacted] stated this latter statement by the press is total hogwash. He informed that any experienced jumper could have jumped into the area involved without suffering any injury at all. He stated during his years of experience as a smokejumper, he has jumped with hundreds of guys who could have performed this jump.

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[redacted] informed that during the late [redacted] and early [redacted], he worked with a smokejumper employed by BLM by the name of [redacted]. He informed they worked together in Washington State during the late [redacted] and were both assigned to the Fairbanks, Alaska district office in the early [redacted]. He stated he lost track of [redacted] during the late [redacted] when

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[redacted] He last saw [redacted] in 1971 at a retirement party at the smokejumper base in Washington State. [redacted] drove up in a brand new car, dressed very well, and looking quite prominent. He spoke briefly with [redacted], talked a little bit about old times, and [redacted] commented that he was doing quite well and was working at the Tacoma Navy Shipyards.

[redacted] stated that [redacted], who was [redacted] of BLM at the Fairbanks District Office, and is now with BLM in Washington, D.C., had once told him that he heard [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/17/77

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[redacted] He and [redacted] discussed this fact and the D. B. COOPER hijacking case and between them derived that [redacted] could be reduced to D. B. COOPER. They both agreed that if [redacted] was involved in such a caper, he would be just the one to think of using this alias. He stated that [redacted] is the daredevil type and [redacted] just to prove a point of his daring to the other men.

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[redacted] stated that he did not go to the FBI with this information inasmuch as [redacted] stated he had discussed this with the FBI and had furnished all information regarding his knowledge of [redacted] further related to him that he had furnished [redacted] name as a possible suspect in this matter when he was interviewed by the FBI. Both he and [redacted] agreed that if there was such a thing as a statute of limitations on the crime, and [redacted] had been involved, he would brag publicly about it upon expiration of the statute of limitations. He was just that type of individual. Further, the artist conception of D. B. COOPER that was circulated just after the crime was very, very similar to [redacted] appearance.

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[redacted] informed that in the event [redacted] has not been checked out by the FBI and additional information might be sought regarding him, he would be able to furnish the names of other individuals who were acquainted with and had knowledge of [redacted]. One such individual who comes immediately to his mind is [redacted], who is now employed by BLM at [redacted], Winthrop, Washington.

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[redacted] reiterated that his reason for not coming forth with this information was as he had related; merely that it was discussed openly between himself and other people, and he was told that it had been reported to the FBI.

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Date of transcription 3/2/77

[redacted]
[redacted], Maryland, [redacted] of the Hoffmann Furniture Company, 2447 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised as follows:

He stated that [redacted] approximately five years ago and the new owners use the name Hoffmann Interiors, Incorporated, and are located at 7020 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. He said the employment records for [redacted] former company had been destroyed.

[redacted] was furnished two photographs of BRYANT COFFELT. [redacted] identified the photographs. He said BRYANT COFFELT was employed by [redacted] as a salesman in the used furniture portion [redacted]. He was employed on a commission basis and worked for [redacted] from approximately 1963 through 1970.

[redacted] said COFFELT told him he was studying medicine and on occasion would leave his employment unannounced and return a few months later stating he was taking a medical course. [redacted] would always rehire him since COFFELT was a smooth talker and a good salesman.

[redacted] described COFFELT as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	180 pounds
Hair:	Brown

[redacted] was unable to recall any additional information concerning COFFELT.

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164-81-4386

Interviewed on 2/25/77 at [redacted] Maryland File # WFO 164-169
by [redacted] Date dictated 2/28/77

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/2/77

[redacted]
[redacted], Maryland, was interviewed at her residence and furnished the following information:

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She stated that [redacted]
the [redacted] the Hoffmann Furniture Company, 2447
18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. During [redacted]
[redacted] in the [redacted]
She said [redacted] sold [redacted] approximately five
years ago and it is now Hoffmann Interiors, Incorporated,
7020 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

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She was displayed two photographs of BRYANT COFFELT. She identified COFFELT as having been employed as a used furniture salesman on an intermittent basis from approximately 1963 to 1970. COFFELT worked on a commission basis and on occasion he would leave from work without notice and return some months later saying he had taken a medical course somewhere in the Midwest. She said [redacted]
[redacted] hired COFFELT back because he was a smooth talker and a good salesman. She, however, considered him a phony because she never believed he was taking medical courses. She was unaware of any of COFFELT's private life, his associates or hobbies.

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She did recall, however, that at one time COFFELT showed up at the furniture store driving a Cadillac limousine. He was in the company of an elderly man. It appeared to her that COFFELT was acting as a chauffeur for the elderly gentleman. He also was attempting to sell him some old furniture since the elderly man was interested in antiques. She was unable to recall any additional information about the incident.

She described COFFELT as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	180 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Color unknown, occasionally wore glasses

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by SAs [redacted] TFD:smv Date dictated 2/28/77

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Date of transcription 2/24/77

[redacted]
[redacted]
furnished the interviewing agent the following items
pursuant to a subpoena which was served upon her:

[redacted]

Interviewed on 2/23/77 at Arlington, Virginia*Sub*
SE 164-81-7407
AX 164-72by SA [redacted] Date dictated 2/23/77

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/7/77

[redacted]
[redacted], was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview.

[redacted] was shown a copy of a letter to Northwest Airlines signed by a [redacted] and stated he wrote this letter.

[redacted] advised that at the time he wrote the letter, [redacted] He stated [redacted] he hijacked a Northwest Airlines airplane and got away with \$200,000. He stated he has since determined [redacted] all of his knowledge about the hijacking came from reading magazine articles. [redacted] stated he did not want to reveal [redacted], but described him as being a white male, about 23 years old, fair complexion, blonde hair, and blue eyes.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	[redacted]
Height	6'
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Tattoos	[redacted]
FBI No.	[redacted]
Home address	[redacted], Louisiana

On 3/1/77 at [redacted], Louisiana

File # NO 164-136

by SA [redacted] [redacted] sdh

Date dictated 3/2/77

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/21/77

[redacted] for Mr. ROBERT LINCOLN TODD BECKWITH, Room 718, Central Office Building, 1425 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), telephone [redacted], was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that ROBERT LINCOLN TODD BECKWITH is the last living descendant of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. She said that in about 1965 or 1966, BRYANT COFFELT was introduced to BECKWITH through BECKWITH's friend, [redacted]. COFFELT became a chauffeur and companion to BECKWITH. He also claimed that he was a therapist and assisted Mr. BECKWITH, who [redacted] described as a semi-invalid. In exchange for his assistance, BECKWITH paid COFFELT an indeterminate amount of money. COFFELT on occasion departed the WDC area, according to [redacted] to "finish nursing education at the University of Kansas."

In late 1966 or early 1967, COFFELT introduced BECKWITH to [redacted] and on [redacted] [redacted] and BECKWITH [redacted] in Middlesex County, Virginia. On [redacted] [redacted] in Williamsburg, Virginia. According to [redacted] BECKWITH's [redacted] that BECKWITH [redacted] proceedings resulted and the Superior Court of WDC granted [redacted]. [redacted] indicated that the [redacted] is currently in the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. She indicated that COFFELT did not appear at [redacted] proceedings.

[redacted] advised that the last known contact that BECKWITH had with COFFELT was on June 15, 1976, when a deposition was taken by the trustees of BECKWITH's grandmother's estate to determine if in fact, [redacted] [redacted] to the estate. COFFELT also gave a deposition. The deposition was furnished at the Williamsburg Circuit Court under the title [redacted]

Interviewed on 3/16/77 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 164-169
by SAs [redacted] Date dictated 3/18/77

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/1/77

[redacted] was interviewed by [redacted], who identified himself as a Special Agent of the FBI. She voluntarily provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that she was [redacted] JACK BRYANT COFFELT; however, [redacted]. She advised that she met COFFELT in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1961 and shortly thereafter, she and COFFELT moved to the Washington, D. C., area.

She advised that COFFELT disclosed [redacted]

[redacted] sometime in the 1930s. She stated that COFFELT was a decent man, very intelligent, and not a common criminal. She further advised that COFFELT personally knew J. EDGAR HOOVER and had visited HOOVER at the FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., [redacted]

She stated that while living in Washington, D. C., JACK COFFELT worked for quite some time as a chauffeur and a personal assistant to an individual known to her only as (first name unknown) BECKWITH, who was one of three living descendants of former President Abraham Lincoln. She stated that COFFELT worked for BECKWITH until approximately [redacted] when he subsequently took employment with a furniture business.

She advised that COFFELT suffered from severe cases phlebitis and emphysema, and eventually while in Washington, D. C., suffered a nervous breakdown and received psychiatric care for his nervous condition and alcohol affliction. She stated COFFELT received treatment in Washington, D. C., in a hospital known only to her as Melwood Hospital.

She further advised that she and COFFELT departed Washington, D. C., and moved to [redacted], Washington, in January, 1974. [redacted] until January, 1975, [redacted] and JACK COFFELT moved to Honolulu,

Interviewed on 3/29/77 at Honolulu, Hawaii File # HN 164-85

by SA [redacted]

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Date of transcription 6/13/77

[redacted] was interviewed in his auto repair and reconstruction shop, [redacted] New York (NY).

[redacted] advised that he has been involved in the reconstruction and mechanical repair work on imported cars, at this location, [redacted]. In addition, he advised that, [redacted]

Concerning [redacted] furnished the following information:

In the aviation periodical "Trade-A-Plane", in either January, 1971 or February, 1971, he saw an advertisement for aircraft parts, which advertisement [redacted] [redacted]. This advertisement indicated that [redacted] had aircraft parts for a [redacted].

[redacted] answered this advertisement, and [redacted] sent him a list of parts available, and after picking out the parts he wanted, [redacted], and mailed the whole thing [redacted], California, [redacted], (telephone number [redacted]).

[redacted] never received any aircraft parts from [redacted] [redacted] started to try to locate [redacted] by calling him on the telephone and directing letters to the above address. [redacted] was unsuccessful in making any contact with [redacted], and to this day, he has never received neither the aircraft parts, nor the return of his [redacted].

[redacted] subsequently complained to the postal inspectors regarding this incident, in October, 1972, and forwarded all information to [redacted], Sacramento, California, their file number [redacted] [redacted] sent all information and [redacted]

Interviewed on 6/10/77 at [redacted], New York File # NY 164-627

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/13/77

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[] in Sacramento, California, and as far as he knows, has never been located, and [] mentioned in one communication that []

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On the basis of this, []

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[] an individual, known as D. B. COOPER, who disappeared over the Nevada area, on Thanksgiving Day, 1971, with \$200,000.

[] advised he has never met this [] and his only information concerning D. B. COOPER is what he obtained from reading the newspaper accounts of COOPER's disappearance from the 727 over Nevada in 1971.

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[] stated his belief in the similarities between [] and D. B. COOPER were that they both had similar skills in aviation, as [] was an agricultural pilot, so, therefore, would be familiar with parachutes, terrain, and survival techniques. He further felt that both [] and D. B. COOPER were capable of non-violent type crimes, and he would describe both of their operations in the criminal field as semi-theatrical. [] advised he felt [] was acquainted with the area in and around the states of Oregon, California and Nevada, and he felt this, since [] very well might have been engaged in agricultural flying in that area. He stated, to his knowledge, [] flies an AT-6 aircraft, which [] described as a sophisticated-type airplane.

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[] was unable to supply any other reasons for his belief that there was a possibility that [] might be identical with the individual known as D. B. COOPER, but pointed out that this was strictly a theory, and he had nothing further to base this on, other than what was set forth above.

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Date of transcription 4/5/77

[redacted] was interviewed at his place of business, [redacted], Anchorage, Alaska. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, certain of his Constitutional rights and the purpose of the interview by Special Agent (SA) DONALD H. STEELE. He then read a form entitled, "Your Rights" after which he advised he understood his Constitutional rights as explained on the form but would not sign anything.

[redacted] advised he was unable to determine exactly where he was on November 24, 1971, but believes he was in Fairbanks, Alaska. He advised that he had absolutely nothing to do with NORJAK and that he would be willing to take a polygraph examination should his attorney concur with such activity. He advised that he is currently involved in a lawsuit with the U.S. Government in which he is the defendant and attempts are being made to recover sums of money from him related to an incident which took place while he was [redacted]. He stated that because of this pending lawsuit he doubts very much his attorney would concur in his undergoing a polygraph examination. [redacted] advised that he has never had paratrooper training of any kind and in fact suffers from vertigo which would preclude his jumping from an airplane. He stated that while as a member of the U.S. Air Force for four years he went directly from basic training on approximately May 1, 1952 to the [redacted] at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, where he remained until he was terminated from the service on [redacted]. He related that during his entire time in the Air Force he served [redacted]. He furnished to interviewing agents a DD-214 which is a "Report of Separation From the Armed Forces of the United States" showing that he took no major courses and completed no service training courses successfully during his entire four years in the Air Force.

He related that further information regarding his difficulties with the United States Government as a [redacted] could be obtained from [redacted] of the Postal Inspector's Office in Seattle, Washington. He stated that the Postal Inspector's Office in Seattle also should have an extensive file on him which would possibly show a contact date of November 24, 1971.

Interviewed on 3/31/77 at Anchorage, Alaska File # AN 164-59

by SAs DONALD H. STEELE and [redacted] Date dictated 4/1/77

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Date 6/10/77

[redacted] was interviewed at the offices of the U. S. Marshal Service, San Antonio, Texas. [redacted] was advised of the identities of Special Agents [redacted] and that the interview was to determine any knowledge he possessed regarding the hijacking of Northwest Airlines Flight 305 from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington, 11/24/71. [redacted] was orally advised of his rights by SA [redacted] and thereafter, offered a form entitled, Interrogation; Advice of Rights. [redacted] declined to read this form and stated he did not wish to discuss this matter or any other matter with the FBI. The interview was then terminated.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
DOB	[redacted]
POB	[redacted]
Ht.	6'2"
Wt.	225
Hair	Light Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Home address	No permanent home
Mailing address	[redacted]
	San Diego, California
Marital status	[redacted]
	Address unknown
	[redacted], California
Usual occupation	Photographer
Military service	None
Arrest record	Did not wish to discuss

On 6/7/77 at San Antonio, Texas File # SA 164-211

[redacted] Date dictated 6/10/77

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[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted], Alabama. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] was advised of the provisions of the Fraud Against the Government - Furnishing False Information Statute and orally advised of his Constitutional rights by SA [redacted] was shown a waiver of rights form, which he read. [redacted] advised he fully understood his Constitutional rights and signed the waiver of rights form. He voluntarily furnished the following information:

During the first part of June, 1976, he went to Montreal, Canada, [redacted]. He went to Montreal to observe the tryouts for the Summer Olympic Games held there in 1976. [redacted] stayed at the Holiday Inn in downtown Montreal.

On about the second day they were in Montreal and while visiting the fairgrounds in Montreal, he was approached by a white female, approximately 16 years old, who was soliciting for prostitution purposes. Since he was with [redacted], he made quick arrangements to meet her at the same spot outside the fairgrounds that evening at a certain time.

He took [redacted] back to the motel and later on that evening, he went back to the fairgrounds, where he met this girl, who identified herself to him only [redacted]. This girl was:

Height	Approximately 5'4" tall
Hair	Dyed blond
Age	Approximately 16 years old
Weight	About 100 pounds
Characteristics	Extremely attractive

[redacted] told him that she needed transportation to a farm located a few miles from Montreal since she wanted to get her personal belongings because she was returning to the United States. He

Interviewed on 6/27/77 at [redacted] Alabama File # Mobile 164-34

by SA [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 6/29/77

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Date of transcription 7/5/77

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belongings because she was returning to the United States. He

Interviewed on 6/27/77 at [redacted] Alabama File # Mobile 164-34-4
by SA [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 6/29/77

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agreed to take her to this farm.

He recalls that they left Montreal on Highway 25, going north. They traveled north on Highway 25 approximately five miles from Montreal, at which time Highway 25 passed under Highway 640. They stayed on Highway 25 for another seven or eight miles, at which time Highway 25 runs into Highway 341. They took a left on Highway 341 and went two or three miles on Highway 341. After traveling the two or three miles on Highway 341, they turned right on a paved road which was marked with a sign which contained the letters "OAK," followed by possibly an "E," followed by "RD." They traveled on this road for approximately one and one-half miles, at which time they came to a farmhouse on the left side of the road, which was the only farmhouse on this road.

Located adjacent to the farmhouse was a barn. The farmhouse was a white frame house, which had approximately ten rooms, and the barn was constructed of natural-looking wood.

Just prior to arriving at the farmhouse, [] told him that the man who owned the house was an American named D. B. COOPER, who is the person who hijacked an airplane somewhere in the northwestern part of the United States and jumped out of the airplane over a mountainous area and who had never been caught.

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Upon arriving at the farmhouse, he could tell that the house was used as a house of prostitution. There were five or six automobiles parked at the house, and he observed four or five girls. He got out of the car and went to the front porch, where he and [] were met by a white male in his late 30's. [] introduced him to this man [] told the man that she was getting her stuff and leaving, at which time [] tried to talk her out of it. At no time did [] become angry, and he spoke very intelligently.

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He recalls that [] was:

Race
Sex

White
Male

Age	Approximately 40 years old
Height	5'10"
Weight	165 to 170 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, possibly black, shoulder-length hair, parted in front.
Characteristics	Goatee and a mustache, which was extended into his sideburns.

He also recalls that [] had a northern accent with a dark olive-type complexion and "chicken feet" around his eyes. He also recalls that this man was well built and had a thick neck. He spoke very intelligently and used the word "animosity" several times. He cannot recall [] using profane language and he did not show any emotion. His complexion indicates to him that he was possibly an Italian or Indian. [] was wearing Levi-type jeans and shirt and wing-tip shoes.

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He stayed at this house for approximately 15 minutes, at which time he drove [] back to Montreal. Since he could not take her to a motel and since he had to get back [] [] and told her not to contact him again.

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He recalls that prior to 1976, he had seen an artist's drawing of D. B. COOPER and recalls that even though [] was wearing a goatee, mustache and long hair, he could very possibly have been identical to COOPER.

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An artist's conception of a white male wearing sunglasses depicting the individual who is allegedly responsible for the hijacking in 1971 of an airplane from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington, was shown to [] [] stated that he could not definitely state that the individual to whom he was introduced as [] at Montreal is identical to the individual depicted in the artist's conception but that it could possibly be the same person.

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June 29, 1977

Date of transcription

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[redacted]
Minnesota, was interviewed regarding [redacted]
[redacted] advised that he remembered going through
[redacted] but did not know
him before [redacted] and never associated with
him socially. [redacted] described [redacted] as being
quiet and not outgoing. He also remembered [redacted] was
a former Air Force pilot and that after being furloughed
by Northwest he returned to Seattle, Washington.
[redacted] advised that he could not offer an opinion
on whether [redacted] would be capable of hijacking an
airplane.

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Interviewed on 6/17/77 [redacted] Minnesota File # MF 164-73
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/23/77

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]
[redacted] Minnesota, was interviewed regarding
[redacted] advised that he remembered
that [redacted] was in a [redacted]
[redacted]; however, they were not friends or
associates and were never together socially. [redacted]
remembered that [redacted] returned to the Seattle,
Washington, area shortly after being furloughed by
Northwest Airlines and [redacted] has not seen [redacted]
since. [redacted] also advised that several of the furloughed
Northwest [redacted] have formed a committee to find out how many
of the furloughed [redacted] want to be rehired by Northwest.
[redacted] advised that [redacted] was one of those furloughed
[redacted] which could not be located.

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Interviewed on 6/17/77 at [redacted] Minnesota File # MP 164-73
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/23/77

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[redacted]
[redacted] Minnesota, was interviewed regarding [redacted]
[redacted] advised that he was in the [redacted]
[redacted] but he never
socialized or became friends with [redacted] could
not recall [redacted] appearance and advised that he was
unable to offer any opinions as to the possible
involvement of [redacted] in the D. B. COOPER hijacking.

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Interviewed on 6/20/77, [redacted], Minnesota File # MP 164-73
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/23/77

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription June 9, 1977

[redacted], Minnesota, was interviewed at his place of employment, Snyder Drug Stores, Inc., [redacted], Minnesota, where he is employed [redacted].

[redacted] advised that he first met [redacted] when they were both students at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. He and [redacted] became friends and again ran into each other in the Philippines when they were both in the military service. [redacted] advised they then joined Northwest Airlines at the same time and were both furloughed on [redacted].

[redacted] advised that [redacted] could be described as a mild-mannered, pleasant individual who seemed to get along well with other people. [redacted] never knew [redacted] to have any financial problems and in fact, recalled that either [redacted] was a rather prominent and successful [redacted].

[redacted] recalled that [redacted] resided in [redacted], Minnesota, while working for Northwest and they left the Twin Cities area approximately six weeks after being furloughed.

[redacted] advised that based on his association with [redacted], he feels he would not be a logical suspect in the D. B. COOPER aircraft hijacking.

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164-81-7479

Interviewed on 5/27/77 at [redacted] Minnesota File # MP 164-73

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/3/77

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Date of transcription June 13, 1977b6
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[redacted], Minnesota, was interviewed at his place of employment, Country Kitchen, 7851 Metro Parkway, Bloomington, Minnesota, where he is employed [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that he remembered being in [redacted] with [redacted] but did not get to know [redacted] very well. [redacted] remembered that [redacted] was in the U. S. Air Force but could remember nothing more about him. [redacted] refused to offer an opinion as to the possibility of [redacted] being identical to D. B. COOPER in the Northwest aircraft hijacking which occurred in 1971.

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Interviewed on 6/13/77 at Bloomington, Minnesota File # MP 164-73

by [redacted] Date dictated 6/7/77

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription July 25, 1977

[redacted] stewardess, Northwest Orient Airlines, [redacted] furnished the following information:

She was contacted by a [redacted] in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in November, 1976. [redacted] also contacted her in January, 1977, in San Diego, California. At this meeting in January, [redacted] asked her if she would consider [redacted] he was making regarding the hijacking of Northwest Orient Airlines plane by D. B. COOPER in November, 1971. She stated she only discussed that part of the hijacking with [redacted] which had been published in the newspapers. She stated she has maintained a scrapbook concerning the hijacking and this is the scrapbook she used to show [redacted]. She stated that if [redacted] wanted any additional information other than that which had been published, [redacted] should contact her attorney who is [redacted] of San Diego. [redacted] additionally told her that he was working with the FBI in Los Angeles on the hijacking. She stated that [redacted] also asked her in writing to [redacted]. She believes she furnished this letter from [redacted] to her attorney [redacted] showed her some [redacted] which he wanted her to identify as D. B. COOPER. She stated she did not identify [redacted] as D. B. COOPER. [redacted] were of very poor quality.

During this January meeting in San Diego, [redacted] was accompanied by two other white males, she does not recall their names, however she knows that neither of the other two men were named [redacted]. She has never met a [redacted] before.

Concerning any incidents which occurred during the flight and which were not published, she stated she knew that the hijacker had ordered [redacted] but does not recall [redacted] advised she did not tell the hijacker that [redacted]. She states she only knows that there is [redacted]

Interviewed on 7/21/77 at San Diego, California File # SD 164-91

SA TOM D. KING

7/25/77

by [redacted] Date dictated

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 1971

[REDACTED], after being advised of the official identities of interviewing Agents, furnished the following information:

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She first met

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Shortly after she became acquainted with

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_____ She could discern no apparent reason for this behavior.

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On 11/29/71 Kansas City, Missouri

File # KC 164-80 - 43

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Date dictated 12/6/71

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In [redacted]
[redacted] him
in San Francisco. In [redacted] he came to Kansas
City, [redacted]
During that time [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

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On [REDACTED] she learned from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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She subsequently learned from her attorney
[REDACTED] that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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She furnished the following additional
information regarding [REDACTED]:

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Full Name
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Complexion
Characteristics

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

5'11" to 6'
170 pounds
Olive

[REDACTED]

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Hair

Dark brown, parted
on left, combed back
slightly.

Eyes

Hazel or green

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Parents

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Associates

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

[Redacted]

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Friends who live [Redacted]
[Redacted] Seattle

San Francisco, California

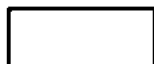
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Arrest Record



Identifications

Passports issued at
San Francisco for

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Children

[redacted] furnished a [redacted]
[redacted] origin unknown, which
reads as follows:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/3/75

[redacted], Mississippi, telephonically advised that he desired to furnish information regarding the person known as D. B. COOPER who hijacked a Northwestern Airlines Boeing 727 in November, 1971. At the outset of the telephone conversation [redacted] advised he had a two-fold purpose for furnishing the information. The first reason was that he was desirous of being considered for any reward that was available in the event he could furnish the identity of D. B. COOPER and second, he felt a sense of loyalty to FBI Director CLARENCE KELLY. For these reasons he was telephonically furnishing the information to Agents of the Kansas City Division rather than contacting the local office of the FBI in Mississippi. Additionally, [redacted] advised that he wished to keep his name anonymous and did not desire any publicity for [redacted] in connection with information furnished by him. He then advised as follows:

During 1966, [redacted] at the [redacted] Louisiana. He was assigned [redacted] and for approximately a three month period during the fall of [redacted] he was responsible for [redacted] a white male, approximately [redacted]. Through his association with [redacted] was taken into [redacted] confidence regarding the planning of a hijacking of a Boeing 727 jetliner. According to [redacted] related the following plan:

[redacted] would hijack a Boeing 727 somewhere between Spokane, Washington, and Boise, Idaho, [redacted] on board with him. He would thereafter demand \$200,000 in small bills and two parachutes, and attempt to parachute from the airplane into a forested area where an accomplice would be waiting with [redacted]

Interviewed on 10/30/75 at Kansas City, MissouriSE 164-91-Sub 9
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SA [redacted]

10/31/75

by [redacted] Date dictated [redacted]

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and other items necessary for at least two weeks survival in the woods. The hijacking would take place at night preferably during foul weather and [] planned to make a test run on the same flight one week before the actual hijacking. [] intended to use an []

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[] and indicated that [] at that time was [], Washington. If [] and the [] succeeded in their plan they would thereafter travel to Mexico City or Acapulco, Mexico, for the purpose of [].

[] could not or would not furnish [] real name, however, he did furnish some information that might help in ascertaining [] identity. He advised that []

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[] Shreveport, Louisiana, and that while [] had become the []

[] had worked in several parts of the country including the Pacific Northwest where he worked [] for Morrison Knudsen Construction Company at a job site at Boise, Idaho. Also at one point in his life [] had been employed [] in the Pacific Northwest. After being drafted into the U. S. Army [] later volunteered for Airborne Training and was subsequently assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, []. During [], elements of the 101st Airborne Division were ordered [] Mississippi, and after approximately [] deserted and attempted to join up with [] someplace in Texas.

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[] furnished the following physical description regarding []:

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Age
Height
Weight
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Possible Ethnic
background
Possible birthplace

[redacted]
[redacted] advised in December, 1971, he went to
Mexico City [redacted]. He did not have a
conversation with [redacted] but he did speak [redacted]
[redacted] claimed
to be from the State of Washington and according to
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he has not furnished this
information to any law enforcement agency prior to this
time because, [redacted]
[redacted]. He was advised that his name
would not be divulged outside the FBI and in the event any
reward was offered [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following background
information regarding himself:

Race
Sex
Name
Alias used
Date of birth
Place of birth

White
Male

[redacted]
Address

Next of kin

Occupation

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[redacted]
[redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/27/77

[redacted]
Minnesota, telephone number [redacted], was interviewed
telephonically and furnished the following information:

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He was contacted [redacted]
[redacted] around the last [redacted] 1977, and was asked
[redacted]
[redacted] the hijacking. He informed [redacted]
[redacted] must be
obtained. He discussed the matter with [redacted]
and [redacted] (Last Name Unknown). [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] is supposed to have received
a [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 7/27/77

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]
with general information which was in the newspapers.

He talked to [redacted]
[redacted], 1977, about [redacted] may have also been
contacted [redacted].

[redacted]
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He advised that if he is recontacted by [redacted]
or anyone else, concerning the hijacking, he would notify
the FBI immediately.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/5/77

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence and supplied the following information:

He spoke to [redacted] told him that he worked for Universal Studios and a movie or television series was going to be made concerning the hijacking. [redacted] told him that he had permission from a West Coast FBI Office, FBI Headquarters in Washington, and GRIFFIN BELL. He cannot recall the exact words [redacted] used during the conversation. [redacted] was very positive and straight forward and he felt that [redacted] could have been on the level. He also thought that the FBI would have made an announcement had the hijacking been solved.

[redacted] also told him that he knew who D.B. COOPER really was but did not say who. [redacted] stated to him that COOPER had a long police record and had spent time in jail with JAMES EARL RAY. [redacted] stated COOPER's record was four pages long and single spaced and that this record was an FBI record. He feels that [redacted] was trying to impress him with this information on COOPER.

[redacted] also told him that COOPER did not jump out of the airplane where they thought he had. [redacted] discounts this because of the tests which were conducted using the airplane.

He cannot recall who had told him that [redacted] [redacted]. He did not give the fact of [redacted] much importance. He had no basis or fact of making any statements that possibly [redacted] any FBI files or information. This was pure speculation on his part.

It appeared to him that [redacted] had information on the hijacking, none of which was specific. He feels all the information [redacted] had could have been obtained through newspaper and magazine articles. He instructed [redacted] that he had notes on the hijacking and [redacted] told him that he would like to compare the information they had. [redacted] said that he had a file and [redacted] assumed he was talking about an FBI file at the time. He has thought more about the conversation with

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/4/77

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[] and believes [] may have been talking about the criminal file he had on COOPER rather than any specific FBI file. When [] said they could compare files, he assumed he was talking about the FBI file.

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[] told him he was with Universal Studios and gave [] an address of [] California, [].

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[] stated that [] wanted a route map showing the flight plan of the hijacked aircraft but he did not send [] any information.

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He stated that he had taken notes on the telephone conversation with [] and he produced these notes for Special Agent [] viewing. He advised that if any notes or other papers he has are needed by the FBI, he would furnish copies.

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Date 8/4/77

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[redacted] appeared at the FBI Office,
Las Vegas, Nevada, and was made aware of the identities of
SAs [redacted] and ALVIN J. ZIMMERMAN by display of
credentials. [redacted] he was living in

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On 8/2/77 at Las Vegas, Nevada File # LV 164-60

by SA [redacted]
SA ALVIN J. ZIMMERMAN AJZ, [redacted] Date dictated 8/3/77

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Date of transcription 12/3/71

[redacted]
Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Holiday Inn, Natchez, Mississippi, and advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, specifically, the hijacking of Northwestern Airlines on November 24, 1971.

[redacted] was not furnished a Warning and Waiver of Rights Form inasmuch as he in no way fits the description of unknown subject.

[redacted] voluntarily furnished the whereabouts of himself on the pertinent date, November 24, 1971, as follows:

[redacted] stated that he is [redacted] for the Gulf Oil Company and has been employed there for the past ten years. He stated that around 8:00 AM, he went to work for the Gulf Oil Company at his office located in Petroleum Building, Jackson, Mississippi, and worked in his office until shortly before 11:00 AM. He then attended a funeral of MACK N. LAY, a retired Gulf Oil Company employee, the funeral being held at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home, Jackson, Mississippi.

At 12:00 noon he, together with [redacted] [redacted], had lunch. He stated that after lunch he returned to the office at the Petroleum Building, Pascagoula Street, Jackson, and worked until 6:00 PM, on November 24, 1971.

The following description was obtained during observation and interview:

Interviewed on 12/2/71 at Natchez, Mississippi File # Jackson 164-32-6

by SA [redacted] sh Date dictated 12/3/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] New York (NY), telephone number [redacted], telephonically contacted the Garden City Resident Agency (GCRA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised he was calling from San Antonio, Texas. [redacted] stated he was in the process of writing a book concerning the skyjacking, and the individual with whom he has been in contact, regarding this, was [redacted]

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[redacted] San Antonio, Texas. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has already been interviewed by agents of the San Antonio Office of the FBI, regarding this matter.

[redacted] related that it was his opinion that [redacted] [redacted] either took part, personally, in the sky- [redacted] He stated that [redacted] "D. B. COOPER", but it was [redacted] feeling that [redacted] would be capable of a crime of this nature.

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He stated [redacted] told him that D. B. COOPER never parachuted from the plane, but hid somewhere in the aircraft until after it landed, and then left the plane. He also said it was [redacted] opinion that the money was parachuted from the aircraft while it was in flight.

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[redacted] advised he last spoke to [redacted] on [redacted] in San Antonio, Texas, and expected to speak with him further [redacted].

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Interviewed on 9/22/77 at Telephonically, Garden City, New York File # NY 164-627
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 9/22/77

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date of transcription 9/22/77

[redacted] New York (NY), telephone number [redacted], telephonically contacted the Garden City Resident Agency (GCRA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised he was calling from San Antonio, Texas. [redacted] stated he was in the process of writing a book concerning the skyjacking, and the individual with whom he has been in contact, regarding this, was [redacted]

[redacted] San Antonio, Texas. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has already been interviewed by agents of the San Antonio Office of the FBI, regarding this matter.

[redacted] related that it was his opinion that [redacted] either took part, personally, in the skyjacking. [redacted] He stated that [redacted] "D. B. COOPER", but it was [redacted] feeling that [redacted] would be capable of a crime of this nature.

He stated [redacted] told him that D. B. COOPER never parachuted from the plane, but hid somewhere in the aircraft until after it landed, and then left the plane. He also said it was [redacted] opinion that the money was parachuted from the aircraft while it was in flight.

[redacted] advised he last spoke to [redacted] on [redacted] in San Antonio, Texas, and expected to speak with him further [redacted].

Interviewed on 9/22/77 at Telephonically, Garden City, New York File # NY 164-627

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 9/22/77

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/6/77

[redacted] NORTHWEST AIRLINES,
was interviewed at his residence.

[redacted] advised that he had been to Toledo, Ohio, on the following dates: January 3-5, 1977; February 14-15, 1977; March 28-April 1, 1977; and May 26-27, 1977. He stated that during one of those times while at Toledo, Ohio, he received a telephone call from [redacted] concerning the hijacking of a NORTHWEST AIRLINES airplane.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] inferred to him that NORTHWEST AIRLINES had approved of his inquiries, and as a matter of fact [redacted] had an appointment to see Mr. NYROP of NORTHWEST AIRLINES the next day and that NORTHWEST AIRLINES was anxious to cooperate with [redacted].

[redacted] stated that [redacted] asked him a number of questions, the specific ones not recalled at this moment. He stated he answered some questions for [redacted], and he did not think that he told him anything which was of a confidential nature. [redacted] stated that he was guarded in his conversation with [redacted] informed him that the crew of the airplane had talked to him and they were cooperating. [redacted] stated that [redacted] gave him the impression that he was a [redacted] and was working with some [redacted] story of the NORTHWEST hijacking.

[redacted] stated that on July 10, 1977, he directed a letter to [redacted], UNITED PRODUCTIONS, LIMITED, 3921 Deervale Drive, Sherman Oaks, California 91403, telling [redacted] that he could not participate in any way in the project, and he further requested that [redacted] not use any of the information which he had given on the telephone in connection with his [redacted] name. [redacted] made available a reproductive copy of the letter he directed to [redacted].

[redacted] stated that he kept sequential notes as to times during the period of the hijacking which

Interviewed on 9/27/77 at Fishtail, Montana File # BT #164-26
SE #164-81

by SA MERRILL F. REESE [redacted] Date dictated 9/28/77

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]
Cherry Hill, New Jersey, was apprised of the identities of
SAs [redacted] as Special
Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted]
furnished the following voluntary information:

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[redacted] was advised that he resembled an individual
who was the subject of an FBI investigation and was asked
to furnish pertinent information concerning his background,
which [redacted] agreed to furnish. [redacted] advised he was
formerly in the U. S. Navy in the [redacted],
from [redacted]. He said
he was a Navy Chief during the period of time he was
in the U. S. Navy. He said he never had training in flying
or the use of parachutes. [redacted] said he is separated
[redacted]

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[redacted] Delran, New Jersey. He stated that during the period
of November 1971 he was employed by Sunday Publications,
1966 Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida, with offices
in Caldwell, New Jersey. He said he began his employment
with Sunday Publications approximately November 1971.

[redacted] said he has been living in New Jersey for the past
ten years and prior to Sunday Publications was employed
by the Walter Engle Company, 420 Madison Avenue, New York
City, New York. [redacted] said he has never been West of Chicago
and has never been in Seattle, Portland or the Las Vegas
area.

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[redacted] voluntarily stated [redacted]
[redacted], Delran,
New Jersey, and that [redacted] home telephone number is
[redacted]. When advised of the slight resemblance of
[redacted] to the individual known as D. B. COOPER, [redacted] said
he has never used an alias nor has he ever been involved
with parachutes or jumping out of an airplane. [redacted]
said he has never been in any financial status wherein he
would have had \$200,000. He said, as a matter of fact, that
he is attempting to start his own church publications

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Interviewed on 6/2/75 at CHERRY HILL, N.J. File # NK 164-

SAs [redacted]

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magazine and that he is having trouble financing such a venture.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Age	[REDACTED]
Weight	160
Eyes	Green
Height	5'10"
Hair	Brown, almost bald
Race	White
Social Security #	[REDACTED]
Wife	[REDACTED]
Wife's address	[REDACTED]
Employment	Delran, New Jersey
Previous employ- ments	Self-employed Sunday Publications, 1966 Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida. Local address - Caldwell, New Jersey, phone 201-623-0966. Walter Engle Company, 420 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York,

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Date of transcription

[redacted], home address [redacted]
[redacted], telephone [redacted], was interviewed at his place
of employment, Century 21 Real Estate Office, 1906 F
Oceanside Boulevard, telephone [redacted]. He furnished
the following information:

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After the initial hijacking of an airplane
which was a Portland to Seattle flight in which the man
bailed out of the airplane which occurred in about 1971,
a man came to [redacted] attention who he felt could
be of possible significance.

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The man's name is JOHN MC MILLAN (phonetic) and
his middle initial is possibly R. It was in late 1972 or the
first part of 1973, at which time [redacted] was working for the
Essex International Automotive Parts Division, which is a
division of United Technology, the headquarters address of
which is 6233 Concord Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. As of about
two years ago, MC MILLAN was the District Manager for the
Washington and Oregon areas. He lives in Seattle and works
out of his home. He travels for that firm inasmuch as he is
in sales. His address could be obtained through the office in
Detroit or possibly through the warehouse in Los Angeles which
is at 777 Mission Street, Los Angeles.

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[redacted] was working for Essex when MC MILLAN
joined the firm in late 1972 or the first part of 1973 and
that is when [redacted] met MC MILLAN. He worked with MC MILLAN
on two occasions for a period of two or three days each and
he met him a third time which was at an auto parts convention
in Los Angeles.

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When they first met, which was in the Seattle area,
MC MILLAN had recently become separated or divorced from his
wife. He previously had been working for Hastings Company,
also an automotive parts firm in the Seattle area, but he had
been laid off. If MC MILLAN mentioned why he had been laid off,
[redacted] does not recall the reason but he does remember that
MC MILLAN said it was a surprise to him. In conversation,
MC MILLAN said [redacted]

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SD 164-91
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/31/77

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problems occurred while he was between jobs. If he ever mentioned the figures regarding [REDACTED] does not recall what they were but he believes it was possibly in excess of \$10,000. [REDACTED] did say he was [REDACTED].

Also in conversation, MC MILLAN had said that in World War II, in October (year not mentioned), he was shot down over Germany and he bailed out. He did not say what his status was on the airplane but he was not the pilot. The following October, almost exactly one year later, he was released from the prisoner of war camp.

[REDACTED] did recall that MC MILLAN had a lot of financial problems and also recalled that he was very conservative with money. For example, he did not go to the best motels even though the company paid the motel expenses. He was the type of man that even if he had had a lot of money, he would not have spent it. [REDACTED] used to tease him about his Scotch nationality. He recalled that MC MILLAN had a metal detector which he even carried in his car and he would search for lost items when he had time.

He indicated that MC MILLAN was a very nice guy and very polite but he did have a lot of nerve which [REDACTED] could tell from the way MC MILLAN approached customers.

He never saw MC MILLAN with a large amount of cash and MC MILLAN did have a bank account in Seattle because he was observed by [REDACTED] to pay his hotel bill with a check. He does not recall what bank the check was on.

He does not know whether or not MC MILLAN was ever arrested although he did mention being stopped for speeding in California but on that occasion did not even get a ticket. [REDACTED] noted that the Essex Company does usually screen their people fairly well but at that time they were just starting up and needed people fairly rapidly and they may not have screened him closely.

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He described MC MILLAN as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	50 (in 1972 or 1973) He felt MC MILLAN looked more like 47 to 48 years of age.
Height:	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight:	175 to 180 pounds
Hair:	Black, straight, starting to thin a little, possibly parted on the left
Glasses:	Wore black or dark rim prescription glasses. Does not recall whether he had prescription sunglasses or not.
Voice:	Normal but possibly slightly above average in loudness
Build:	Stocky; kept himself in excellent physical shape
Complexion:	Fair; did not appear Latin to [redacted] although he does have dark eyes

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MC MILLAN did not smoke cigarettes but had mentioned that he had smoked at one time. He also mentioned that he once had an ankle injury as a result of a motorcycle accident but he did not walk with a limp. He had no vehicle except the Ford company car. He had mentioned that he once lived in California.

[redacted] was exhibited the artist conception of the man known as D. B. COOPER and he advised that the artist conception is a good likeness of MC MILLAN except that MC MILLAN has a rounder, fuller face than the artist conception. The glasses are similar and the hairline is similar except MC MILLAN's forehead may not have been quite as high as the man in the artist conception. From the bottom of the nose to the top of the eyebrows of the artist conception is very similar to the appearance of MC MILLAN.

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After viewing the artist conception, he believed it was still possible that MC MILLAN could be the hijacker.

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He has no specific reason to suspect MC MILLAN but since he lived in the Seattle area, does resemble the artist conception, and has bailed out of an airplane (at approximately the same time of year as the hijacking), he thought the possibility did exist that MC MILLAN could be the hijacker.

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Date of transcription 10/26/76

VERNUCE A. HOFFKE telephonically contacted writer at the Lafayette Resident Agency and advised that after being interviewed by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 19, 1976, he had been trying to definitely account for his presence during Thanksgiving of 1971 and after [redacted] he was positive that during Thanksgiving of 1971 while driving for Durall Franks he was working with another driver by the name of [redacted] and that the both of them drove together on cross-country runs and at that time in 1971 he and [redacted] had taken a truck to California and he remembers specifically that while in California he contacted [redacted] and advised her he was in California for a day or two and [redacted] where they stayed the day before Thanksgiving as well as Thanksgiving Day and ate Thanksgiving dinner with her and left the day after Thanksgiving, driving back to Louisiana.

HOFFKE advised that he also believes that [redacted] is living in Milford, Iowa, rather than Sheldon, Iowa, as he had advised Agent in previous interview and that should she be contacted he felt certain she could verify this information and that he knows for a fact either [redacted] or Durall Trucking Company in Beaumont, Texas, could also verify this information.

Interviewed on 10/20/76 at Lafayette, Louisiana File # NO 164-136 -117
by SA [redacted] : [redacted] Date dictated 10/20/76

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/24/73

[redacted], after being apprised of the identity of the interviewing agent and that he was being interviewed regarding the hi-jacking of Northwestern Airlines Flight 305 on November 24, 1971, voluntarily furnished the following information:

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[redacted] presently employed as [redacted] telephone [redacted], advised that he has been employed here for the past six months and that the [redacted];

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[redacted] stated that from September, 1970, until March, 1972, he was employed [redacted] at [redacted] Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and that [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated that after leaving Nevada, he briefly visited [redacted] in Palm Springs, Florida, and then returned to Las Vegas, where he was employed [redacted] Tonopah, Nevada. [redacted] displayed a card issued to him on [redacted] by the Nye County Sheriff's Office, Tonopah, Nevada, which is required for any gambling or liquor employee.

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[redacted] stated that he was employed [redacted] in Seattle, Washington, in 1963, and has been employed [redacted] in Portland, Oregon, as [redacted], from December, 1972, to March, 1973, at which time he came to Theriot, Louisiana.

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[redacted] stated that he has only flown once in 1963 from Seatac Airport, Seattle, Washington, to Kodiak, Alaska, and in 1965 from Kennedy Airport in New York to Frankfurt, Germany. He advised that he has never flown a plane nor does he have any flying or parachuting experience.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 9/20/73

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[REDACTED] stated that he has never been in the
military due to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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The following description was taken from
observation and interrogation:

Name	[REDACTED]
Alias	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 11"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue (wears black rim glasses for driving and reading that are tinted.)
DOB	[REDACTED]
POB	[REDACTED]
Military	Negative
Marital status	Single
Education	[REDACTED]

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Characteristics

Eastern accent;
smokes Raleigh filter
cigarettes;
left handed;
wears Timex date watch on
right hand, dark face with
silver band.

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Account Number

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Nevada Driver's
License

[REDACTED]

with restriction that he
wears glasses.

Complexion

Fair

Arrests

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Port Orange, Florida

Mother

Deceased

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

New Lebanon, Ohio

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Buenos Aires, Argentina

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VERNUCE A. HOFFKE was interviewed at the Lafayette Resident Agency and after being advised of the identity of interviewing Agents and the reason for the interview HOFFKE was presented a Waiver of Rights Form which he read and signed and furnished the following information:

HOFFKE advised that in 1953 he enlisted in the U. S. Army and was sent to Medical School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and subsequently went overseas to Korea and served as Ambulance Driver and Aideman with the Seventh Division of the U. S. Army. HOFFKE advised that he returned to the Continental United States in 1955 and was placed in the Eighth Division of the U. S. Army and served in the Quarter Master Branch and was then transferred to the Ninth Division Army where he served in the Ordnance Branch. HOFFKE advised that in 1957 he received an Honorable Discharge from the Military and he returned to his home in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and got a job driving an Over The Road Diesel Truck.

HOFFKE stated that in 1960 [redacted] from Sheldon, Iowa, and that he was [redacted] and then he [redacted] currently lives in Sheldon, Iowa, and could be contacted through [redacted].

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HOFFKE continued that in 1964 he returned to Military Service as an E-2 and went through basic training at Fort Ord, California, and subsequently was shipped to Fort Hood, Texas, where he was assigned in the Ordnance Branch at Fort Hood, Texas. HOFFKE stated that he stayed at Fort Hood, Texas, and in the Army until he was arrested in 1965 for armed robbery and that at this time he was given a Dishonorable Discharge from the Army and was convicted in Louisiana for armed robbery of a filling station and subsequently served four years at Angola State Prison in Louisiana and DeQuincy, Louisiana. HOFFKE stated that he was released in 1969 on parole from prison and since

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that time he has no arrest or convictions. HOFFKE stated that at no time while he was in the Military did he ever participate in any parachute training and that he has never jumped from a parachute in his life and would not even know how to put on a parachute.

HOFFKE continued that upon his release from prison he went to work for Lake Charles Dredging and Towing and worked as an Oiler in the Engine Room and kept this job until the early part of 1971 and at this time he went to work for Durall Franks of Franks Flower Express Company and worked as a truck driver driving across country. HOFFKE advised that he kept this job until December, 1971, or January, 1972, and then he went to work for Williams Drilling Company in Baton Rouge and worked for approximately four months for them as a roughneck in the oil fields. HOFFKE advised that his employment with Durall Franks could be confirmed at the Durall Franks Express Office in Beaumont, Texas, and that his employment with Williams Drilling Company in Baton Rouge could be confirmed with their office in Baton Rouge.

HOFFKE continued that after he left Williams Drilling Company he went to work with Chaffin Workover in New Iberia, Louisiana, for about four months and worked as a motorman and subsequently quit this job and went to work with Penrod in Lafayette, Louisiana, for three or four months as a roughneck in the oil fields. HOFFKE stated that in approximately 1973 he went to work with Carr Truck Lines and worked for only one month as a truck driver and then quit this job to go to work for H. T. I. as an oil field laborer and worked with H. T. I. in Lafayette for approximately three months. HOFFKE stated that he then left H. T. I. and went to work with DSE, an oil company out of Omaha, Nebraska, whose headquarters are now in Little Rock, Arkansas, and he stayed on this job for approximately eleven months and then went to work with Dove Well Service for eight months in Lafayette. HOFFKE advised that after this he went to work for Brazzel Well Service in New Iberia, Louisiana, and also worked at this job for about eight months until he got a job with Homco in January of 1976 and continues to maintain this position

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as a fishing tool supervisor with Homco until the present time.

At this time HOFFKE provided the following list of relatives:

Father JOHN HOFFKE, SR.,
Residing Lengley, Minnesota;

Stepmother ELEANOR HOFFKE,
Residing Lengley, Minnesota;

Brothers

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Half-brother

[REDACTED]

Sister

[REDACTED]

Sister

[REDACTED]

Sister

[REDACTED]

HOFFKE advised that he had not seen [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] since 1963 when she resided in Las Vegas,
Nevada, and that he visited her on one occasion in 1963,
however, he understands that she currently resides in
California, exact city unknown, and he has had no contact
with her since 1963.

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HOFFKE advised that he has no knowledge whatsoever of any hijacking of an aircraft and that he definitely

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could account for his presence during Thanksgiving of 1971 in that he was working for Durall Franks at this time and that records and driver's log books for that time would account for his presence.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

NAME	VERNUCE A. HOFFKE
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Race	White
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Sex	Male
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Date of Birth	January 25, 1937
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Place of Birth	Munich, North Dakota
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Address	1407 University Avenue, Lafayette, Louisiana
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[REDACTED]

Height	5'11"
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Weight	215 pounds
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Hair	Dark brown
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Eyes	Blue
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Scars	Scar on forehead approximately one inch long
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Social Security Account Number	517-38-7291
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Arrest	1965 for armed robbery.
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Date of transcription 11/25/77

[redacted] Laurel, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature and purpose of the interview.

[redacted] advised that she [redacted] and that she formerly resided at [redacted] Laurel, Mississippi. [redacted] said that she has no current photograph [redacted] who has been missing for several years. In this regard she commented that she could not recall specifically when she last [redacted] but related that it was in the summer time, possibly four, five or six years ago. She recalled [redacted] in Laurel, Mississippi, from Miami, Florida, and when he left he returned to Miami inasmuch as she had received both letters and telephone calls from him. She stated, however, that some four, five or six years ago the letters and telephone calls stopped and she has not heard from [redacted] since.

[redacted] stated she has no idea regarding [redacted] current whereabouts and surmised that he may have returned to Japan stating that while he was in the Army he was in the Military Police and was [redacted]. She stated that after he returned to the United States, [redacted]

[redacted] She stated she advised him against this fact and that he had never mentioned it to her again. She also commented that [redacted] had once been employed by some oil company and had worked for this oil company some place in South America, the exact location unknown to her.

Photographs of [redacted] dated September 10, 1964, and February 15, 1966, were exhibited to [redacted] and she positively identified these photographs [redacted]. When copies, however, both in color and black and white with and without glasses of the artist's conception of an unknown individual, also known as DAN COOPER, were exhibited to [redacted], she stated that this person or persons was unknown to her and stated that she could see no similarity between this individual and [redacted]

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by SA JOHN W. PARISH [redacted] Date dictated 11/18/77

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted]
[redacted], Anchorage, Alaska, was interviewed and provided the following information:

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He advised he had worked on the Alaska Pipeline at Valdez, Alaska with an individual named [redacted], whom he recalls telling him that the FBI had questioned him about D. B. COOPER. [redacted] related that one evening when [redacted] had been drinking he began talking about D. B. COOPER and the fact that the statute of limitations was about to run out on the matter. At that time, [redacted] did not discuss the matter further.

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About one year ago, while [redacted] was visiting Seattle, Washington, he saw sketches of D. B. COOPER on television and thought there was some resemblance to [redacted]. He advised that [redacted] used to boast about being [redacted] and working on the design of the type of aircraft from which COOPER allegedly parachuted.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] was the kind of person who desired recognition and liked to receive attention. He stated he had no further information regarding this matter and had not heard [redacted] say that he was D. B. COOPER, nor had he heard him discuss it in any greater detail than already related.

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Interviewed on 11/28/77 at Anchorage, Alaska File # AN 164-59

by A DONALD H. STEELE: [redacted] Date dictated 12/2/77

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] was contacted at the residence of [redacted]
[redacted]
Carson City, Nevada. She stated that she is in Carson City for the holidays but will be returning to Alaska in one or two months. She stated that she will be residing at [redacted]
[redacted] Palmer, Alaska [redacted].

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She stated that in April 1977, she met one [redacted]
[redacted] at the Carson Park Bar, Carson City, Nevada. From that time, she commenced dating this person and thought she got to know him fairly well. This person told her that he entered the United States Navy at the age of nineteen and served for several years in Viet Nam where his duties were [redacted]

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After returning to the United States of America while stationed at San Diego, California, [redacted] established a Skydiving School at San Diego California. [redacted] claimed to be one of an original group of skydivers formed in the late 1950s and in 1968 while making a jump [redacted] and had fall that resulted [redacted]. He claimed not to have jumped since then.

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[redacted] also claimed to have been involved in motorcycle racing in California and raced for [redacted]. He claimed to race Kawasaki cycles and had a bad accident that [redacted]

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[redacted] while in Carson City, Nevada, claimed to have [redacted] Western Nevada Community College, Carson City. He claimed to have [redacted]. He also indicated to her that he had worked for or was closely associated [redacted] Reno, Nevada and had something to do with flying. He supposedly was a pilot. [redacted] related that he holds [redacted] from Golden Gate University and [redacted] San Francisco, California.

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On 12/21/77 at Carson City, Nevada

File #

LV 164-60

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/22/77

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] United Technology, 6233 Concord Avenue, furnished the personnel record concerning one JOHN A. MC MILLAN. This record reflected the following information:

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Name	JOHN A. MC MILLAN
Address	4131 Southwest Portland Seattle, Washington
[redacted]	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	April 16, 1921
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Address during 1972	5229 Erskine Way Seattle, Washington
[redacted]	[redacted]
Mother	Seattle, Washington ANNA PAYCHECK 800 Jefferson Terrace Seattle, Washington
Education	Grammar school St. Louis, Missouri High School: Commerce High School San Francisco, California College: University of California extension school Sales and Business Management
Military	United States Air Force (no dates indicated) aviation cadet pilot bombardier navigator

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Previous employment

8/63 - 11/64
Marvel Oil Company
Port Chester, New York
11/64 - 6/71
Hastings Manufacturing
Company
Hastings, Michigan
9/71 - 12/71
Replacement Parts
Warehouse
Seattle, Washington
1/72 - 9/72
Evergreen Warehouse
Seattle, Washington
9/11/72 - 6/3/77
United Technology

[redacted] advised that MC MILLAN was let go during June of 1977, pursuant to a reduction force experience by United Technology. [redacted] also advised that he had no photograph of MC MILLAN.

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Date of transcription 3/1/76

[redacted], Texas, was interviewed at his place of employment, Employers Casualty Company Building, at 423 South Akard, at which time he furnished the following information:

Following his discharge from military service he was still single and he worked for a period of six months for Kenworth Truck Manufacturing in Seattle, Washington. He [redacted] in the Seattle vicinity.

During the six months spent in Seattle, he became acquainted with [redacted], a white male, who was then about 45 years old. [redacted] in a Seattle suburb called [redacted]. He became friendly with the [redacted] and visited them in their home from time to time. As far as he [redacted] knows, [redacted] was a law-abiding citizen and [redacted] never knew [redacted] to be in trouble with the law or to have any criminal record.

After [redacted] left Seattle, he returned to Texas where he is from and went to work for Texas Technical University [redacted] in Lubbock, Texas. He worked there for about [redacted] and then moved to the Dallas area and took up residence in [redacted], where [redacted]. Since returning to the Dallas area, he has worked doing [redacted] at One Main Place and in the Employers Casualty Company Building, his current employment.

Since leaving Seattle, he has never exchanged letters or cards with [redacted] and they have never even exchanged Christmas cards, nor have they called one another on the telephone. Then very shortly after January 1, 1976, [redacted] made a telephone call to [redacted] which is telephone number [redacted] received this telephone call and then put him on the line, since the call was for him and [redacted].

[redacted] explained that he had gotten [redacted] telephone number through [redacted]

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mentioned that [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]

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When [REDACTED] got on the line and realized he was talking to [REDACTED], he was very much surprised to hear from [REDACTED] and he could tell that [REDACTED] had been drinking. [REDACTED] stated, to the best of his recollection, the conversation went something like this:

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated he was very much surprised and confused by receiving this telephone call from a man he had not seen at all or corresponded with for a period of fifteen years. He was very much surprised about the subject matter of the telephone conversation and had no idea whether [REDACTED] was drunk and was making an attempt to joke with him or whether there was any substance to what [REDACTED] was telling him.

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He discussed these circumstances at length with [redacted] but since [redacted], she did not know how to accept this information and how to react to it. The following morning, he told [redacted] about the telephone call from Seattle and [redacted] suggested that he make the information available to the Dallas FBI Office just in case there might be something to it.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] is of German background. He does not know if [redacted] had any military service. He does not know whether [redacted] can fly an airplane, nor does he know whether [redacted] has ever had any training in parachuting out of aircraft. [redacted] stated that actually, he has no way of knowing whether any of this conversation from [redacted] has any substance. He commented that [redacted] used to drink pretty regularly and in these fifteen years, it is possible that [redacted] has become an alcoholic. He does not recall [redacted] as being a practical joker.

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One night around 9:00 PM about three weeks ago, [redacted] again called the [redacted] residence and [redacted] answered the phone and informed him [redacted] that it was the same fellow calling from Seattle again. [redacted] got on the phone and, again, it seemed obvious to him that [redacted] had been drinking. This second conversation with [redacted] went something like this; to the best of his recollection:

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[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]

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[] stated [] then said something about calling again in two weeks or about being here (meaning Dallas) in two weeks. [] repeated that if he were at home, he could be reached at his telephone number. At this point, [] said goodnight.

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During this interview, [] was shown the artist's conception of the unknown subject also known as DAN COOPER, who hijacked Northwest Airlines Flight 350 between Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1971. [] stated, "It's hard to believe how much the artist's conception of COOPER resembles []." [] commented that the forehead, hairline and hair style very much resembles []. [] expressed his opinion that the ears on the artist's conception of COOPER strike him as being larger than [] ears and the nose appears to be different from [] but [] commented that it has been fifteen years since he saw [] and his recollection may be faulty.

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[] stated he believes he had discussed everything that had taken place between himself and [] in the two telephone conversations.

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[redacted]
Texas, telephone [redacted], was interviewed.

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Prior to answering any questions [redacted] was furnished an Advice of Rights and Waiver form by SA MORGAN which he read, said he understood and signed. He said he would freely answer any questions.

He said that [redacted]
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[redacted]

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He said he has camped out [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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He said he had been in [redacted] when he
[redacted]

He said all the trips he took [redacted] except the last one, he went alone. The last trip he took a girl friend with him.

He said in [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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He called the Dallas Parachute Association and then
[redacted]

He denied having anything to do with the hijacking in the Northwest Airlines, Boeing 727, matter in Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1971, and said that he was [redacted] on November 25, 1971.
He said [redacted]

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Interviewed on 4/4/72 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 164-191-96

SAs [redacted] & *my*
by *[signature]* HARRY J. MORGAN HJM:gml Date dictated 4/6/72

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The following description of [redacted]
was obtained by observation and interview:

Sex: Male
Race: White
Date of Birth: [redacted]
Height: 6'
Weight: 180
Hair: Light brown
Eyes: Hazel
Complexion: Medium to fair
Occupation: [redacted]

He is also [redacted]

[redacted]
Military: [redacted] U. S. Army. [redacted]
Speciality: [redacted]
Serial Number: [redacted]

He said [redacted]

Marital Status: [redacted]
Residence: [redacted] Texas
[redacted]

He said he took [redacted]

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Relatives:

Mother and Father: [redacted]

Brothers and Sisters:
Education:

Arrests:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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He said he worked on November 24, 1971, until late in the afternoon, stayed around [REDACTED] that night and as pointed out above went [REDACTED] on Thanksgiving Day November 25, 1971. He said he plans to remain in [REDACTED] for the summer. He again denied hijacking any airplane.

Prior to interview, the Agents identified themselves. SA MORGAN advised [REDACTED] of the nature of the investigation.

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Date of transcription 1/28/72

[redacted] residing [redacted]
[redacted] Texas, was interviewed.

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She advised [redacted] Southwest Airlines [redacted] Flight 14, from Houston to Dallas, Texas, which left Houston 1:45 pm and arrived Dallas 2:29 pm. She said she could not have seen anyone who fit the composite of DAN COOPER and she cannot recall anyone on the plane who appeared to be identical with him. She did not know anyone on board by the name of [redacted].

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Interviewed on 1/26/72 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 164-191-69
by SAs [redacted] & HARRY J. MORGAN HJM:gml Date dictated 1/28/72

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Date of transcription 1/28/72

[redacted], residing [redacted]
[redacted], Texas, was interviewed.

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She stated she is [redacted] the Southwest Airlines [redacted] Flight 14 traveling from Houston to Dallas, Texas. The plane originated at the Intercontinental Airport at Houston. The plane left Houston at 1:45 pm, January 26, 1972, and arrived Dallas, 2:29 pm. There were [redacted] passengers on board and the following crew:

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The pilot; Captain [redacted];
The co-pilot [redacted];
Hostesses, [redacted]
[redacted]

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She stated [redacted]
[redacted] there are five separate lounges. She could not identify the composite of BEN COOPER, the suspect in this case. She said there was no one aboard who looked like COOPER and no individual to her knowledge named [redacted]

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Interviewed on 1/26/72 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 164-191-68
by SAs [redacted]
HARRY J. MORGAN HJM:gml 1/28/72
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Date of transcription 8/2/72

[redacted]
Texas, Telephone Number [redacted] was interviewed.

[redacted] said [redacted] he was at
[redacted] Dallas, Texas,
with [redacted]. They were
talking about skyjackings in general. [redacted] said he
[redacted]
[redacted] Cedar Hills, Roanoke, Texas, but
he has not seen [redacted].

[redacted] said the story is all mixed up about
[redacted] being DAN COOPER. He said there was a slight
resemblance in [redacted] to the artist's conception pre-
pared without glasses; however, he described [redacted]
as follows:

Height
Weight
Hair

6'2"
225 pounds
Blond. [redacted]
[redacted]

Complexion
Eyes
Voice

Fair
Blue
[redacted]

[redacted] viewed the artist's conception of DAN
COOPER and said it definitely could not be [redacted].
[redacted] also stated he has no idea where [redacted] is,
but he is not in Texas.

[redacted] is a white male; born [redacted];
at [redacted].

Interviewed on 7/26/72 Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 164-191

by SA HARRY J. MORGAN / [redacted] Date dictated 7/27/72

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Date of transcription 2/28/72

[redacted]
[redacted], telephone [redacted], was interviewed.

SAs HARRY J. MORGAN [redacted] identified themselves to [redacted] and advised him that he was a look alike to DAN COOPER, a suspect in an aircraft hijacking case. SA MORGAN furnished him an advice of rights and waiver form which he read, stated he understood and signed. He then furnished the following information:

He boarded Flight 403, Braniff International Airlines, at Detroit, Michigan, and was en route to Houston, Texas, to attend [redacted]. The plane stopped in Dallas, Texas at 3:25 PM.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Race
Sex
Date of birth
Place of birth
Age
Hair

White
Male

Height
Weight
Complexion
Education

[redacted]
Black, parted on left side,
sideburns to lower ear lobe
5'11"
170 pounds
Olive-medium
University of Detroit,
three years, downtown campus

Employment

Telephone number
Social Security Number
Marital status
Wife
Children

[redacted]

Interviewed on 2/16/72 at Dallas, Texas

File # Dallas 164-191-89

SAs HARRY J. MORGAN and

by [redacted] HJM/pkp

Date dictated 2/22/72

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Characteristic
Arrest record
Military service

Smokes a pipe but no cigarettes
Admits none
U. S. Navy, Alameda, California,
1958-1959, although he was
vague on the dates. He was

Selective Service No.

[redacted] stated he was at home in [redacted] between
November 23 and November 27, 1971, and did no traveling. He
stated his income is \$16,000 per year.

He had the following \$20 bills on him, which were
checked out against a ransom list negatively:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Type</u>
[redacted]	1969A	Federal Reserve Note
	"	"
	"	"
	"	"
	"	"
	"	"
	"	"
	"	"

He stated he banks at [redacted]
[redacted], where he has [redacted]
[redacted]

He stated he never has flown an airplane or had
any experience with parachute clubs, sky divers clubs or
affiliate clubs.

He denied hijacking any plane.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/16/71

[redacted] Fleetwood Square Apartments, 2121 North Handley, was contacted and questioned whether there was a residence at her apartment complex by the name of EARL F. WILLIAMS. After a search of her records she advised that there was such an individual who resides in apartment 96 and that he had been at this residence since March, 1971.

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[redacted] advised that she knows very little of Mr. WILLIAMS, except that he pays his rent on time and that he works for Papa's Pizza Parlor in Fort Worth, Texas, and that he seems to have a very modest income and has shown no recent display of wealth.

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SA [redacted] /ddh

12/10/71

by _____ Date dictated _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]
[redacted], telephone [redacted], employed at Borden Chemical Company, voluntarily appeared at the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] is a former member of Air National Guard, [redacted], Columbus, Ohio. A [redacted] [redacted] is a long-time associate of [redacted]. They served together at Korea in the Air Force. [redacted] described [redacted] as having [redacted]

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[redacted]
He is also an accomplished parachutist and has received instruction in sea and jungle survival. His hobbies consist of [redacted]. While in the Air Guard, [redacted] was not otherwise employed.

Approximately one and one half weeks prior to the Northwest Airlines hijacking on November 21, 1971, [redacted] left Columbus, Ohio, stating he was going to Seattle, Washington. At the time of the hijacking, various members of the Air Guard discussed the possibility of [redacted] being the unknown subject in this matter. [redacted] advised he did not notify authorities because there appeared to be a height discrepancy between the unknown subject and [redacted]. He is now furnishing this information because he recently read of the Statute of Limitations running out in this matter, [redacted] has recently returned to the Columbus, Ohio, area, but [redacted] does not know where he lives or what he is doing for a living. He noted that [redacted] Columbus, who is now in the above mentioned unit, advised [redacted] had inquired about getting back into the unit in November, 1975.

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Artist's conception photographs of unknown subject were displayed to [redacted] stated [redacted] does not resemble these photographs. He advised that [redacted] was practically bald back to the middle part of the head and he had light to medium complexion.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/24/75

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The following is a physical description of [redacted]
[redacted] as furnished by [redacted]

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	[redacted]
Height	6' 2"
Hair	Balding, sandy blond
Weight	195 - 200
Complexion	Light to medium

[redacted] stated he would not be surprised if someone
from the Air National Guard had not furnished [redacted] name
to the FBI previously.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/16/71

EARL F. WILLIAMS was contacted at his residence, 2121 North Handley, Apartment 96, and questioned regarding his knowledge of/or involvement in the hijacking of a Northwest Airlines 727 Jet on November 24, 1971, flying out of Seattle, Washington. WILLIAMS stated that he was no way involved in such a crime and that he knew nothing of such incident, only by hearing it from news reports. WILLIAMS stated that he does possess a pilot license for a small aircraft, but that he has never made any parachute jumps nor has he been in or near the Seattle area as long as he can remember.

WILLIAMS stated that he resides at the Fort Worth area with [redacted], that he is employed by Papa's Pizza Parlor on Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, and that prior to this he was employed by Skelly Oil Company in Oklahoma. WILLIAMS stated that in order to verify his whereabouts on the date of November 24, 1971, his manager at his place of employment, [redacted] could be contacted and that he could clear up any doubt about his attendance at work for that day.

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The following description of WILLIAMS was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	EARL FELTON WILLIAMS
White	Male
Date of birth	June 16, 1919
Place of birth	Healdton, Oklahoma
Height	5'11"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Green
Scars and marks	No easily identifiable scars, marks or tattoos
Remarks	At time of interview was wearing trifocal glasses which he states that he needs to wear at all times in order to be able to see

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SA [redacted] /ddh

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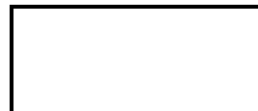
Residence

2121 North Handley,
Apartment 96,
Fort Worth, Texas

Telephone
Occupation
Employment

451-4221
Musician
Papa's Pizza Parlor,
Fort Worth, Texas,
piano player

Manager at place
of employment
Marital status
Wife
Social Security
Number
Pilot's license
number



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436569 issued on
February 5, 1958 for
a single engine land
aircraft issued in the
name of WILLIAMS with the
address of Post Office Box
227, Velma, Oklahoma.

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Date of transcription 12/16/71

[redacted] Manager [redacted] Papa's Pizza Parlor, Fort Worth, Texas, was contacted at the place of business on Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, and questioned regarding the presence and attendance at work for EARL FELTON WILLIAMS on the date of November 24, 1971.

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After a review of his personnel records [redacted] advised that WILLIAMS was at attendance for the full time on November 24, 1971, from the hours of 7:30 PM to 1:00 AM on November 25, 1971. [redacted] also verified that WILLIAMS was at work on the date preceeding and the date following the 24th all from the hours of 7:30 PM to 1:00 AM. [redacted] stated that as far as he knows WILLIAMS has never been involved in any criminal activity and that he could not have been in the Seattle area on the date of November 24, 1971.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Fairbanks Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] informed he had learned through friends that the FBI was attempting to locate him for interview and he was making himself available for interview, principally out of curiosity as to what the situation might be.

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[redacted] was informed of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of the intended purpose of the interview, which would be to determine his knowledge of or involvement in the skyjacking of a Northwest Orient Airlines plane on or about November 24, 1971. [redacted] was furnished with a printed form (FD-395) containing a summary of his constitutional rights which he read and advised he understood. He signed a waiver of these rights and consented to interview without an attorney present.

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[redacted] informed that during the year 1971 he attended Golden Gate University in San Francisco, California and was enrolled in [redacted]. He informed that during this time period he resided at [redacted] in San Francisco. He stated he was very broke at that time and he is sure that he performed no travel on or about November 24, 1971. He said records at the University might establish that he was in attendance there at that time. At any rate, he was physically present in San Francisco on that date and was not traveling in the states of Washington, Oregon or Nevada.

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[redacted] informed that he is employed as a [redacted] [redacted] the D. B. COOPER case as a point study in [redacted]. He informed he personally admires the man feat very immensely. He stated he does not admire the criminal aspect of it, but the very finite planning and precision involved in COOPER's jump from the 727 jet. He stated he is a parachutist himself and is well aware of the risks involved in such a jump.

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[redacted] stated he has previously been interviewed by FBI Agents in San Francisco, shortly after the crime in question. He stated he was informed by the FBI Agents they were interviewing

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Interviewed on 1/30/78 at Fairbanks, Alaska File # AN 164-59

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/31/78

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all members of the American Parachuters Association, of which he was a member. He seems to recall that they asked him some of the same questions as were currently being asked of him, such as his whereabouts, his experience as a parachutist, etc.

[] informed that he is an alcoholic and it is quite possible that during some drunken spree he has alluded to the fact he might know the identity of D. B. COOPER or he might even have stated that he was D. B. COOPER. He stated he cannot recall ever telling anyone this, but it is highly likely that it could have occurred. He stated that if he did make such a remark, it was during a drunken state and it was imaginary on his part with no factual meaning. He stated emphatically that he does not know the identity of the skyjacker known as D. B. COOPER, nor did he have any personal involvement in the skyjacking crime. He informed he is willing to take a polygraph examination in this regard.

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The following physical description and background information was obtained during interview:

Full Name	[]	b6
Date of birth	[]	b7C
Place of birth	[]	
Height	5'11"	
Weight	175 pounds	
Hair	Brown	
Eyes	Hazel	
Social Security Number	[]	
Residence	Fairbanks, Alaska	
Telephone Number	[]	
Employment	[] University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska.	
[]	[]	b6
	Fairbanks, Alaska	b7C
Prior Arrests	[]	
	California; states charge was later dismissed	
Military Service	U. S. Navy, [] [], obtaining rank	
	[]	

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Prior Employments

Self-employed during []
and 1968 as manufacturer
and experimentation expert
in the modification of
parachutes; [], Defense
Department in Vietnam as
technician representative,
conducted parachute experi-
ments for Lockheed and
Brand X

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Hobbies
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Sport parachute jumping,
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/7/73

[redacted]
New York, was interviewed and after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that this interview concerned his writing to the Buffalo FBI Office regarding information on how to play the D. B. Cooper game, he provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he saw a newspaper article about the Northwest Airlines highjacking in the local paper the "Tonawanda News." [redacted] advised he did not have a copy of this article presently but the article stated that if a reader wished to help find any \$20 bills used in the ransom that the reader merely was to contact his nearest FBI Office for a list of the serial numbers of the \$20 bills in question. [redacted] stated that the "Tonawanda News" referred to finding this ransom money as the "D. B. Cooper Game."

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'4"
Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Hazel

Interviewed on 12/4/73 at Town of Tonawanda, N.Y. File # Buffalo 164-46-31

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/6/73

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Date 12/22/71

PETER ANTHONY PARLO, Apt. #3-F, Broadwood Manor Apts., after having been advised of certain of his Constitutional rights and having waived these rights by executing a written Waiver of Rights form (FD-395), advised as follows:

Last October he was feeling very despondent because of increasingly serious financial problems, a health problem, and just didn't "give a damn." Several years ago he obtained a \$20,000.00 personal loan from an individual now residing in Las Vegas, Nevada, and he still owed a balance of \$5,000.00 on this loan.

Shortly before leaving the Elmira, N.Y. area by car on 10/12/71, he deposited a bad check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to his checking account, and then after "cleaning out" all his local bank accounts he left this area.

He drove to Las Vegas where he repaid the \$5,000.00 loan balance, and stayed in that city for about 1-1½ weeks. His acquaintance there had not threatened him or otherwise applied any pressure to him re repaying the balance of this loan. This acquaintance did refer him to another person in Phoenix, Arizona who would give him a job, and so he drove to the Phoenix area.

He possessed a number of credit cards in his own name, including an American Express card, and sometimes he paid cash where he stayed and sometimes he charged on his American Express card. He had completely "kicked over all traces," and used his own name everywhere he went.

He decided not to take the job in Phoenix, but stayed in the Phoenix-Scottsdale, Ariz. area for about 1½ weeks before returning to Las Vegas. He went back and forth between Las Vegas and Phoenix on several occasions.

When questioned concerning his specific whereabouts on 11/24/71, PARLO advised he knows that he spent Thanksgiving Day at the Carefree Inn, Carefree, Ariz. as he recalls having eaten Thanksgiving dinner there.

On 12/21/71 at Horseheads, N.Y. File # BU 164-46 - 15
by SA [redacted] RNB Date dictated 12/2/71

He believes that he checked into the Carefree Inn on the night of 11/24/71, spent two nights there, and checked out on 11/26/71. He exhibited his American Express credit card when he first registered at the Carefree Inn and stated that he planned to charge his expenses, but when he checked out he decided to pay cash and recalls paying his motel room and meals bill with a \$100.00 bill.

Although he cannot recall exactly where he was on 11/24/71, the day before Thanksgiving, he is certain that he had spent the preceding few days in the Phoenix-Scottsdale area, and might have been registered at the Motel 66.

Whenever he was in the Phoenix area he spent a lot of his time at the North Bank Lounge, 5050 North 40th. St., and he became well acquainted with one [redacted] (LNU), [redacted] at the North Bank whose home telephone number is [redacted]. He might have seen [redacted] (LNU) on 11/24/71, but does not remember.

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He recalls that he had lunch with [redacted] (LNU) and [redacted] at the Carefree Inn on the day after Thanksgiving, 11/26/71.

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When specifically questioned if he had travelled to any other area of the United States while he was gone, PARLO stated that at some unrecalled time in November, 1971, he drove to the northern part of California for the purpose of visiting [redacted] Calif. After arriving in that area, he telephonically contacted [redacted] home, and learned from [redacted]. He did not identify himself to [redacted].

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He spent that night in nearby Redding, Calif. at the Ponderosa Inn, and then drove back to Phoenix visiting Reno, Nevada and Lake Tahoe enroute.

After just knocking around for almost two months, he decided to come home, and drove back to Horseheads arriving here on the evening of 12/13/71.

He has arranged through his mother for a \$5,000.00 loan from his sister so that he can make good the fraudulent check he deposited before leaving town last October, and his attorney is attempting to persuade the bank not to press any criminal charges.

The following physical description and background data was obtained through interrogation and personal observation:

PETER ANTHONY PARLO

White

Male

American

Age 48

Born 6/2/23, at Elmira, N.Y.

6 feet

165 lbs. Education: one year college

Medium build

Gray hair, parted on the left

Hazel eyes

Swarthy, well-tanned dark complexion

SSAN 092-14-8049

Military service: U.S. Air Force, 1942-1945

(aerial gunner in bombers, denied
any jumping experience)

Occupation: self-employed accountant

Scars: 12" operational scar on right side

Arrest history: none known or admitted

Relatives:

Wife:

Father: LOUIS PARLO, deceased

Mother: Mrs. LOUIS (MARY F.) PARLO, SR.
358 Elm St., Elmira, N.Y.

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Remarks: PARLO wearing full sideburns extending to lower ear level and extending into cheek area; wearing mustache which he stated was grown within past week; heavy smoker of cigarettes (Benson & Hedges filter tip 100s)

During this interview PARLO was wearing bifocal regular eyeglasses, and stated he was far-sighted to an unknown degree. He advised he also owns a pair of prescription sunglasses which he exhibited; these glasses were horn-rimmed with a gold metal bar across the top, not wrap-arounds.

At the time of this interview PARLO furnished specimens of his signature, and voluntarily posed for Polaroid photographs wearing his regular glasses and his prescription sunglasses.

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Date 12/13/71

[redacted]
[redacted] Ga., advised
as follows:

[redacted] Social Security Account
Number [redacted]

[redacted] is male
Caucasian, [redacted], 5'10" tall, medium build, sandy hair,
light complexion with a deep suntan. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he saw [redacted]
[redacted] and has not seen him since.
[redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted]
fits the general description of the hijacker of the Northwest
Airlines airplane in November, 1971; and there has been talk
among [redacted] that [redacted] was probably the
hijacker. [redacted] is getting his informa-
tion from [redacted] who was probably [redacted]
[redacted] said that
since [redacted]
[redacted] he might be considered a good suspect in
the hijacking.

On 12/6/71 at [redacted] Ga. File # SV 164-20-13

by SA [redacted] /ecm Date dictated 12/7/71

SV 164-29

[redacted] stated that [redacted] received information
on the afternoon of December 6, 1971, that [redacted]
[redacted]

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Date of transcription 12/13/71

[redacted]
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Ga., advised that he [redacted]

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[redacted] and knew him when both [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] and reportedly is [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he saw little of [redacted]

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[redacted] mentioned to him that [redacted] might be the individual who hijacked the Northwest Airlines plane in November, 1971. [redacted] stated that [redacted] generally fits the description given in the newspaper for the hijacker, and since he is [redacted]

[redacted] stated he knows nothing further concerning this matter.

Interviewed on 12/7/71 at [redacted] Ga. File # SV 164-29 -12

by SA [redacted] /ecm Date dictated 12/7/71

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[redacted]
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[redacted] Ga., advised that he [redacted]
[redacted] and has known [redacted]
since that time. [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] worked together closely and
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] stated that two or three weeks ago he telephoned
[redacted]

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On 12/7/71 at [redacted] Ga. File # SV 164-29 -11

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by SA [redacted] / ech Date dictated 12/7/71

SV 164-29

About two weeks ago [] received a telephone call [] stating that [] []

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[] stated he learned that [] [] said that [] is also known as []. He is about []; 5'10" tall; 165 to 170 pounds; sandy-brown hair trimmed neatly in a flat-top style; smooth, deeply-tanned complexion; overall clean-cut, neat appearance.

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[] stated that [] mentioned to him that [] fit the description of the hijacker of the Northwest Airlines airplane in November, 1971, and that [] probably hijacked this plane. [] believes [] is capable of this hijacking.

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[redacted] was contacted at the home of [redacted] Colorado.

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He stated that he had been in Walla Walla, Washington with [redacted] telephone number [redacted] on Thanksgiving, November 25, 1971. He said that the next day he went to [redacted] Montana where he stayed with [redacted]. He stated he left the [redacted] residence December 2, 1971, and drove to [redacted] Colorado, stopping one night at Provo, Utah where he slept in his truck. [redacted] added that he had also made other trips between Walla Walla, Washington and [redacted] Montana but that the dates were vague and he could not specifically fix the times.

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[redacted] first claimed that he knew no one with any parachuting experience and that his family was made up of farmers only so it would be unlikely that any of them would know anything about parachuting. He was asked specifically whether any [redacted] knew anything about parachutes and parachute jumping and [redacted] answered that they did not.

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When asked about the [redacted] he stated that [redacted] and after a great deal of deliberation stated he believed that [redacted].

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When asked if he had been talking about plane hijacking to anyone, [redacted] responded that he had been angered [redacted] Colorado when signing up [redacted] and had told her in a response to a question about his prior employment that he [redacted] stated he also recalled mentioning in a joking matter to [redacted] referring to the hijacking.

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Interviewed on 12/7/71 at [redacted] Colorado File # DN 164-98 -52

by SA [redacted] cjm Date dictated 12/14/71

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He was asked specifically what made him think of [] as a suspect and he stated only because [] stated he did not know why the fact that [] was forgotten by him before during the conversation.

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[] advised that he had not seen [] for about eight years and that at that time [] in San Mateo, California and had been trying to get into the California Highway Patrol. He noted that [] had gotten into trouble in San Mateo [].

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He described [] as being a White, male, American, late 20s to early 30s, 6'1", 180 to 200, medium build. [] went on to say that the artist composite drawing of the hijacker of the plane in Washington did not look like anyone known to him.

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He said that he had seen Missoula, Montana "Times" that the hijacker wrote a letter from Oakdale, California to one of the Reno, Nevada newspapers which said []. He said this made him think of [] as possibly the hijacker.

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He noted that [] was [] from Portland, Oregon to Salem, Oregon the last time he had heard, []. He denied any further knowledge of the crime and stated that he himself knew nothing about parachute jumping, the crime or activities of []. He stated he also knows nothing of anyone parachute jumping near [], Montana November 25, 1971, or any other time.

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DN 164-98

Description of [] as obtained through
observation and interview is as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	[]
Height	Claims 5'10" (appears 5'8")
Weight	Claims 200 (appears heavier)
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Pot belly, round face rough speaking voice unkept appearance

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Date of transcription January 31, 1972

[redacted] Wyoming, advised that he had first seen the artist's sketch of the hijacker in the "Salt Lake City Tribune." His first reaction to the sketch had been that it was a good likeness to [redacted] of Salt Lake City, Utah.

[redacted] advised that in 1954 [redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah. [redacted] sometime later in 1954 and had joined the U. S. Navy. While in the Navy he was an [redacted] recalled that [redacted] had received parachute jump training while in the Navy. [redacted] could recall no further details regarding [redacted] Navy life.

After [redacted] 1957, [redacted] had gone to work for [redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah. [redacted] At this time, [redacted] had moved to [redacted] Wyoming, and had lost contact with [redacted]. He knew nothing regarding [redacted] activities from 1957 until approximately two years ago, 1969. At this time he had seen [redacted] in a bar in Salt Lake City, name not recalled. [redacted] had informed [redacted] that he had changed his name to [redacted] and was engaged in [redacted]. [redacted] had given the impression that he had a pilot's license. [redacted] stated that he could recall no further details regarding [redacted] and since this time he has had no contact with [redacted].

[redacted] furnished the following description of [redacted]:

Name	[redacted] later changed to [redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	[redacted]
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Weight	165 pounds

Interviewed on 1/26/72 at [redacted] Wyoming File # DN 164-98-68
by SA [redacted] Jr./cas Date dictated 1/28/72

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Hair
Eyes
Characteristics

Sandy brown
Possibly hazel, or light
High forehead, sharp nose,
squeaky voice, reddish
complexion

Recalls that [] in
Salt Lake City by name of
[] (last name unrecalled),
address unknown

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[] stated that if he should recall any
additional information regarding [] he would immediately
contact the FBI.

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1/19/72

Date of transcription

[redacted] was interviewed in the office of the Sky Marshal, Stapleton International Airport, Denver, Colorado, and at the outset of this interview [redacted] was advised that he was not under arrest but the FBI was interested in background information, since he had purchased an airline ticket under the name of [redacted]. He pointed out he was more than willing to cooperate with the FBI in this matter.

[redacted] furnished a [redacted] driver's license Number [redacted] in which he indicated that he was born [redacted], and is a white male, five feet nine inches tall, 175 pounds, hazel eyes, Auburn hair.

He advised he purchased a ticket at Houston, Texas, on the morning of this date for Texas International Flight 980 which left Houston at 8:00 a.m. and at this time he exhibited a copy of this ticket which had Serial Number [redacted].

[redacted] stated that he is [redacted] and was traveling to Denver, Colorado, [redacted]

[redacted] in Denver. He advised he currently resides at [redacted] Texas, phone [redacted]. He said he formerly resided at [redacted] and that this is the address [redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted] he is known as [redacted] and at this time furnished [redacted] which indicated it was listed to [redacted]. He stated when he made a reservation with Texas International to fly from Houston to Denver he gave them his name as [redacted] and they asked him for the initial of his first name which he gave as [redacted].

Interviewed on 1/11/72 at Denver, Colorado File # DENVER 164-98 -60
by SA WILLIAM J. MALONE (WJM:sjk)
SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/13/72

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[redacted] advised he has [redacted]
[redacted] and that in late November he was in
Chicago, Illinois, [redacted]
[redacted]. He further stated he [redacted],
[redacted] Texas, until [redacted] and also
pointed out he was in the U.S. Navy [redacted]
[redacted]. He could not recall his military
service number. He also pointed out that [redacted]
[redacted], reside in [redacted] Texas, but he did not
know their current address. [redacted] further furnished
identification from [redacted] which indicated that he had
[redacted]
[redacted].

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[redacted] said he had read about the sky-jacking
incident in Portland, had no information concerning this
matter and knew no one by the name of D.B. COOPER. He pointed
out if the FBI wanted any other information concerning him
he could be located at his [redacted] Texas, residence and he
would be once again more than willing to cooperate with the
FBI.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Colorado Springs, Colorado, advised that a check of the records for [redacted] failed to reflect a listing either as [redacted] during the month of November, 1971, for a [redacted].

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[redacted] stated he was [redacted]
[redacted] during November, 1971, and is unfamiliar with the name [redacted]
[redacted]

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Interviewed on 4/4/72 at Colorado Springs, Colorado File # Denver 164-98 -90

by SA [redacted] CW Date dictated 4/11/72

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[redacted] Dublin House Restaurant, 6385 North Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, advised that [redacted] at the Dublin House Restaurant during November of 1971, and that a check of her employment records failed to reflect anyone with the first name of [redacted] [redacted] being employed at [redacted] during November of 1971.

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[redacted] noted that the name [redacted] is unfamiliar to her and she is not familiar with any [redacted].

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[redacted], Roman Villa Restaurant,
3005 North Nevada, Colorado Springs, Colorado, advised
that [redacted] of
the Roman Villa Restaurant during November of 1971.

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
at the Roman Villa Restaurant, then, November, 1971, or
now by the name [redacted], and noted that [redacted]
[redacted] for the
restaurant.

[redacted] advised that she is not familiar with
the name [redacted]

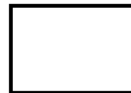
Interviewed on 4/4/72 at Colorado Springs, Colorado File # Denver 164-98 -92

by SA [redacted] :CW Date dictated 4/11/72

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[redacted]
[redacted], Colorado Springs, Colorado,
advised that a check of the records for [redacted]
failed to reveal either [redacted] at the
[redacted] during November of 1971, by
the name of [redacted] or anything similar to this name.

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[redacted] advised that the name [redacted]
[redacted] was unfamiliar to her. [redacted] also stated
that she is unfamiliar with [redacted], and
recalls no salesman for that company inquiring at the
[redacted].

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Interviewed on 3/30/72 at Colorado Springs, Colorado File # Denver 164-98 - 88

by SA [redacted] :CW Date dictated 4/6/72

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[redacted]
[redacted], Colorado Springs, Colorado, advised that a check of the records for [redacted] failed to reflect a listing during the month of November, 1971, for a [redacted] either as [redacted]
[redacted].

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[redacted] advised [redacted]
[redacted] during November, 1971, and the name [redacted] is unfamiliar to him nor is he familiar with [redacted].

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Interviewed on 4/4/72 at Colorado Springs, Colorado File # Denver 164-98 - 89

by SA [redacted] CW Date dictated 4/11/72

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Date of transcription April 3, 1973

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[redacted] Grand Junction, advised that he is [redacted] in the Grand Junction area and as such travels extensively throughout the western states promoting [redacted].

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[redacted] was provided a photograph of ALVIN CURTIS HARTLEY and identified the photograph as a good likeness of HARTLEY.

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[redacted] was shown the artist's conception of DAN COOPER and advised that he did not believe HARTLEY to be identical to COOPER. [redacted] stated that he first met HARTLEY in Grand Junction, Colorado, about one year ago, and that HARTLEY was sent to the Grand Junction area by [redacted] Tonopah, Nevada, or [redacted] Beattey, Nevada. [redacted] stated that at the time he was busy with an [redacted] name not provided, who had allegedly [redacted] and HARTLEY had heard of the machine and came to Grand Junction to investigate the matter.

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[redacted] advised that HARTLEY's present whereabouts were unknown and that he had left the Grand Junction area and was allegedly returning to the Tonopah, Nevada, area to put together some money to put [redacted] stated that HARTLEY himself has no money and would have to obtain any money from interested investors.

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[redacted] stated he has known HARTLEY for one year when he came to the Grand Junction area and parked the mobile home at the [redacted] residence and that prior to July, 1972, he assumed HARTLEY to be in the Las Vegas or Tonopah, Nevada, areas.

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Interviewed on 3/22/73 at Grand Junction, Colorado File # Denver 164-98-1501

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/28/73

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[redacted] further advised that the artist's
concept of DAN COOPER resembled [redacted] who
[redacted]
[redacted] Nevada, for the past seven to eight years.
[redacted] was described as a veteran, 5'3" tall, 225 pounds,
partially bald, and [redacted]
[redacted]

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Date of transcription April 2, 1973

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[redacted] was contacted at her residence, [redacted], Grand Junction, Colorado, and disclosed as follows:

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[redacted] advised that in July of 1972 she had met A. G. HARTLEY, who was identical to the photograph shown, and who was known under the name of "ACE." HARTLEY was made known to [redacted] by [redacted] of Grand Junction, Colorado. HARTLEY had appeared at [redacted] in July of 1972 and was interested in a machine for [redacted] which [redacted] was supposed to have in production. HARTLEY was also interested in [redacted] HARTLEY was described as well versed in [redacted] and jargon but a person with little money of his own.

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[redacted] and is employed throughout the western slope [redacted]. HARTLEY was not at his residence in Rangley, Colorado, one week ago when [redacted] visited the residence which was the home of [redacted] Rangely, Colorado. HARTLEY is not identical to [redacted] who was staying at the [redacted] in Grand Junction and whom the Mesa County Sheriff's Office has been looking for on a charge of [redacted] HARTLEY does know people in Louisiana; however, [redacted] advised that she was not aware of HARTLEY's having been in the Louisiana area for six or seven months. HARTLEY at one time had stated he was a paratrooper but never mentioned any recent jumps or if he was interested in jumping. HARTLEY alleged to have a current pilot's license; however, [redacted] advised she had not seen the license and could not identify the license further. HARTLEY traveled extensively to research mining claims especially gold, silver, and uranium.

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Interviewed on 3/21/73 at Grand Junction, Colorado File # Denver 164-98 - 149

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/27/73

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[] advised that she had accompanied HARTLEY, after first meeting him in July of 1972, to the Delta, Montrose area where they investigated [] and later in Fairplay, Colorado, had also investigated []. In August or September of 1972, she was with HARTLEY in the Gila National Forest, New Mexico, investigating [].

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[] advised that [] had developed [] and that is why HARTLEY had come to the Grand Junction, area. [] stated she has not known HARTLEY to be in Washington or Oregon but that [] lived in California and he is [] HARTLEY's daughter and grandson were victims of a recent murder in California, names and places unknown to [].

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[] stated at the time she rented the budget rent-a-car in Grand Junction, she took the car to Salt Lake City, Utah, and was accompanied by HARTLEY who went to contact people with [] in the Salt Lake area. [] advised she never met the people contacted by HARTLEY, she allegedly stayed in the car or with [] in the Salt Lake City area.

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[] advised that she had never seen hand guns in the possession of HARTLEY and that while in Grand Junction HARTLEY used a credit card under the name of (First Name Unknown) [] allegedly was [] and his function was to pay for the research expenses in looking over the [].

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[] advised that to her knowledge HARTLEY had taken a bus from Rangely to Salt Lake City and was going to Old Mexico to check out some mining claims.

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[] advised she did not know the date HARTLEY rented the room from the [] in Rangely, Colorado, and she was not aware of how HARTLEY paid

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for the room at the [] residence.

[] stated that the motor home belonged to HARTLEY and that she assumed a bank in Phoenix, Arizona, had repossessed the motor home and that HARTLEY did all of his banking at the same bank. [] advised she did not know the name of the bank.

[] advised the photograph displayed of HARTLEY was a good likeness of HARTLEY and that HARTLEY was not an old acquaintance of [].

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[redacted] furnished the following information:

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She works for [redacted]
and has home phone [redacted]

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She is [redacted] of ROBERT WESLEY JONES
[redacted]
PHILIP RACKSTRAW, who was recently discovered as a murder victim.

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PHIL RACKSTRAW [redacted]
[redacted]. PHILIP never adopted JONES and JONES is his true name, although he always used the last name of RACKSTRAW in school and when he went into the Army.

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She realizes that a murder warrant has been issued against JONES for the murder of [redacted] stepfather, but she will await the verdict of the court before deciding as to his guilt.

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She denied any knowledge that ROBERT is identical to "D. B. COOPER", but she recalled that during the fall of 1971, ROBERT was just "floating around" because he was being sought on some fraud warrant out of Alabama. (Houston County, Dothan, Alabama) He intentionally did not keep his exact whereabouts known to his family.

She realizes D. B. COOPER had a knowledge of navigation and of parachuting and ROBERT is highly skilled at both. She believed he received his commercial flying license some time in the fall of 1971, because at Christmas, 1971, [redacted]
[redacted]

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She recalled that it was about this time that he worked for some real estate firm in the Los Angeles area and part of his work was the promotion of some land in Oregon, back in an area so remote that there were no roads and ROBERT had to fly prospects in there to see the land.

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[redacted] SE 164-81-7812 b7C
by [redacted] Date dictated 3/3/78

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When he first got out of the Army, in June, 1971, he first traveled around the south, for about a month, before he came back home to California. He stayed with his mom for a while and then when he heard he was wanted in Alabama he moved in with her for awhile. He then moved down to the San Jose area and from there he went to San Fernando to work for the real estate company. He seemed to have money and he frequently rented airplanes. He was always a pretty good "spender", but she has no recollection of his having any unusual amount of money during the fall of 1971. He got his real estate license when he moved to San Jose, she thought, although the land promotion firm that hired him was in San Fernando. She does not recall the name of the girlfriend he had for a short time in the San Jose area, but it was her recollection

[redacted] California. b6
He broke up with [redacted], and he did not meet b7C
[redacted], until after 1971.

In a recent conversation she had [redacted] b6
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ROBERT, [redacted] not surprised at
the murder accusation against ROBERT because on one occasion
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] Virginia, advised she [redacted]
[redacted] when they
were both [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] that when
the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) interviewed her
in regards to [redacted] on Thanksgiving
Day, 1971, she advised them [redacted]. She
has since advised [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that on or about the [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] advised that
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] had told [redacted]
that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] advised [redacted]
[redacted]

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SA [redacted] 1/9/76
by [redacted] Date dictated

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[redacted]
[redacted] had told [redacted]
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[redacted] had advised [redacted] that he
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[redacted] advised she was under the impression
that when [redacted]
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[redacted] advised she has been told that [redacted]
is very nervous [redacted]
[redacted].

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] had advised him that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] She advised that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] further advised that [redacted] telephonically
contacted [redacted]
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] has told her that
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[redacted] further advised that it is her understanding
that [redacted] feel that [redacted]
[redacted] who was an [redacted]
who used to reside in [redacted]
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] telephone number is [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] has stated to [redacted]

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[redacted] She further advised that since [redacted] has [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] told her that she had advised [redacted]

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[redacted] further stated that [redacted] told her that she [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised that [redacted] had told her that the [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she could not recall what this is supposed to be, but she does recall [redacted]

[redacted] She further stated [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] is a very calm, cool, and collective individual [redacted]

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[redacted] She further advised she would be
in fear of her life if [redacted] found out that she
was talking to the FBI in regards to this and requested
that her identity be made a secret at this time.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle dated 3/6/78.

Enclosed for Seattle are the original and one copy of FD 302's reflecting interviews with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Lead to follow up on issuance of suspect's flying licenses with FAA is being left up to the office of origin. This data is reportedly available from the FAA General Aviation District Office, Oakland, California.

LEAD:

SACRAMENTO

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. Will check with California Department of Real Estate, 714 P Street, to determine dates in the fall of 1971, that they dealt with suspect as a real estate salesman and obtain pertinent residence addresses during October - December, 1971. He registered as ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW, born 10/16/43, at Cleveland, Ohio.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(2) Seattle (Encl. 6)
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[redacted] Stockton Police Department,
furnished the following information:

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On March 6, 1978, while ROBERT WESLEY JONES
was making a court appearance he had a brief conversation
with [redacted]

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[redacted] asked JONES when he was at Ft. Cronkite and JONES
replied in 1968. [redacted] advised that there was no Miranda
warning given and no questioning was made concerning the
D. B. COOPER hijacking.

[redacted] are attempting to clear up their
explosives case and have told JONES that they are not
interested in prosecuting him on the explosives case, but
just want to clear their cases. On this basis he has been
talking to them.

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He remarked that the FBI was looking for him on
the Felton Quarry burglary or how the explosives were used
but they never came to see him. He admitted that he was
acquainted with [redacted] of the Quarry, but
denied involvement in the theft.

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SE 164-81

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by [redacted] A [redacted] Date dictated 3/7/78

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Date of transcription 3/8/78

[redacted] Stockton
Police Department, furnished the following information:

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While returning ROBERT WESLEY JONES, also known as Robert Wesley Rackstraw, from New York to California, on March 3, 1978, he listened when JONES mentioned the "D. B. COOPER" case. JONES had earlier refused to sign a rights and waiver form.

JONES mentioned that he was one of 1500 men who were members of the Green Berets and who had the requisite skills to pull off the COOPER caper. JONES claimed the FBI interviewed all 1500 of them and left the inference he had been cleared of any involvement.

JONES furnished no other information of value but his attitude during the entire time was that he was vehemently against the "system", or "establishment".

It is noted that JONES had been forced to resign from the Army about five months before the hijack took place.

Interviewed on 3/6/78 at Stockton, California File # SC 164-50
SE 164-81
by [redacted] Date dictated 3/6/78

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Date of transcription 5/1/75

[redacted]
Denver, telephone number [redacted], was displayed a photograph of [redacted] stated [redacted] bore a "good" resemblance to the individual who skyjacked the Northwest Orient plane. She stated due to the length of time that has passed since the skyjacking, she could not positively state whether [redacted] was this individual, but noted part of her problem was due to the haziness of the photograph. She stated the receding hairline and the ears of [redacted] appeared to be identical, but she was somewhat troubled by the roundness of the face and the broadness of the nose.

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Interviewed on 4/29/75 at Denver, Colorado File # DN 164-98 -249
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/30/75

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Date of transcription 12/20/71

[redacted]
Oklahoma, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that he was to be questioned in connection with the hijacking of a Northwestern Airlines flight on November 24, 1971. He was warned of his rights by SA [redacted] and he stated he understood his rights. He waived them, as shown on an executed Warning and Waiver form.

[redacted] furnished the following information:

He stated that when he had been interviewed by the FBI in Farmington, New Mexico, he had just awakened from a sound sleep and he had not realized he had told them that he had left Peoria, Illinois, on November 23, 1971. He stated in actuality he had departed Peoria, Illinois, on November 18, 1971, and arrived in LeFlore County, Oklahoma, the same day. He did not leave LeFlore County until November 28, 1971, when he traveled to Farmington, New Mexico. [redacted] stated he plans to remain at his home for approximately one month before leaving again to work.

[redacted] consented to have his photograph taken and he was photographed.

During the interview it was noted that [redacted] has blue eyes.

Interviewed on 12/18/71 at LeFlore County, Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 164-56
Seattle 164-81
by SAs [redacted] and RLM:bnm Date dictated 12/20/71

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Date of transcription 3/17/78

[redacted], Montana, was located and interviewed at his residence and provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that on Saturday, March 11, 1978, at approximately 7:55 p.m., a male individual called his residence with the following information:

"I am a friend of Jack (Dick) Cofeldt (phonetic) who I understand is a friend of yours. [redacted] is circulating your (or a) letter around Hollywood and trying to implicate you in the D. B. Cooper crime."

[redacted] at this time told the caller he did not know a JACK or DICK COFELDT and in attempting to question the caller as to his identity was told that he would not identify himself and in fact stated it was not important for [redacted] to know who he was, only that he was warning him about the letter that [redacted] was currently circulating around Hollywood.

[redacted] at this time stated that [redacted] had contacted him in Toledo, Ohio, during the summer of 1977 and represented himself as [redacted], UNITED PRODUCTION LIMITED, 3921 Deervale Drive, Sherman Oaks, California, 91403, and was trying to make a documentary film or movie about the D. B. COOPER hijacking. [redacted] that he had approval of NORTHWEST AIRLINES and would like him to be a consultant for the movie so that it could be as authentic as possible. [redacted] at that time advised that he would consider such an endeavor but would have to give it additional thought and in fact he immediately contacted NORTHWEST AIRLINES in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he learned that NORTHWEST AIRLINES was not cooperating in such an endeavor and in fact was very much against the making of such a film or movie.

Interviewed on 3/13/78 [redacted] Montana

File # BT #164-26-380
SE #164-81

by SA [redacted]

Date dictated 3/14/78

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3/30/78

Date of transcription

[redacted] Otero Mills, north of Alamogordo, New Mexico, furnished the following information:

He generally keeps employment records five years and, therefore, anything beyond that would be very shallow. He stated that [redacted] worked for this company two or three different times and was last employed here in October, 1977.

In reviewing his sketchy records, [redacted] noted that [redacted] was employed here in 1971, however, left this employment on April 24, 1971 and was therefore not employed with this company on November 24, 1971. He recalled that when [redacted] left here approximately five months ago, he was going to work for a company in Texas. He only socialized with [redacted] on one occasion and related that [redacted] is an Anglo, a close family man and a very responsible individual. The last time he was employed here he was [redacted] and [redacted] added that [redacted] is also employed with this company.

He knows nothing about [redacted] hobbies or outside activities other than the fact that he is a hunter and fisherman and could not recall if [redacted] was ever in the military service. As far as he knows, [redacted] is still residing in Cloudcroft, New Mexico and doesn't know if he is employed or not.

[redacted] viewed a copy of an artist's conception of the unknown subject in this matter and stated that this photograph was completely unfamiliar to him; and in his opinion, it bears no resemblance whatsoever to [redacted]. He added that [redacted] is a much younger individual.

[redacted] felt that [redacted] is probably from the Farmington, New Mexico area inasmuch as he was previously employed there as well as in Reserve, New Mexico. To his knowledge, [redacted] is not a pilot and he always exhibited a good attitude in his work.

Interviewed on 3/23/78 at Alamogordo, New Mexico File [redacted]
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/24/78

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A confidential source furnished the following information:

A third party had advised that [redacted]
[redacted] was identical with
D.B. COOPER, the individual who hijacked an airplane
in Washington on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971. [redacted]
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[redacted].

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[redacted] is described as [redacted]
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Interviewed on 3/27/78 at Little Rock, Arkansas File # LR 164-22 84

by SA G. EARL SHAW
SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/28/78

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5/17/78

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[redacted] Pa., telephone number [redacted], was interviewed at her residence, at which time she advised that after reading an article in "The Star," a nationwide supermarket newspaper, concerning the hijacking of the Northwest Airlines, Flight 350, from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1971, it reminded her of an individual she had known several years previously. She advised that this individual was a [redacted] [redacted], a white male, possibly part Canadian, 6'1" tall, 175 pounds, medium build, who would now be approximately 46 years of age. She stated that he had a fair complexion and medium brown hair.

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She advised that in [redacted] was an employee of the Bankers Life Insurance Company, New Castle, Pa., and followed up on telephone leads in order to [redacted]. She stated that he and [redacted] (phonetic), of Butler, Pa., resided with her from approximately January, 1963, until March, 1963, when he moved to San Francisco, California, [redacted] was giving him difficulty at that time. She stated that [redacted]

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[redacted]. She stated that the last she knew, he was working for the Queens Vacuum Cleaner Company in San Francisco. She stated that she was doing telephone solicitation for the insurance company, and he came by her residence to pick up the leads, and this is how they became acquainted. She stated that during conversations over the years, she learned that he was apparently part Canadian and had been raised in Northern Michigan, and was used to living in the woods. She stated that at no time did he express an interest in airplanes, but indicated at one time, he had been a frogman in the Navy. She stated that as she recalls, he indicated he was assigned to the Wilkinson FBI Division.

She stated that he did drink socially, but was definitely not an alcoholic. She further advised that he smoked Lucky Brand cigarettes. She stated that he did not have an accent, wore his hair short, and had a slight swagger to his walk.

Interviewed on 5/9/78 at Grove City, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 164-93

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/15/78

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She stated that she advised she had no idea as to his current whereabouts or anyone who would be able to locate him at this time.

She reiterated that he had a fair complexion, medium brown hair, and would be approximately 46 years of age at the present time.

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Date of transcription 5/23/78

[redacted] Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii, phone [redacted] of JACK BRYANT COFFELT (now deceased), advised that photos of BRYANT COFFELT as obtained by SA C. ROBERT STRANGER of the Los Angeles Division of the FBI were similar in appearance, but she did not think the individuals in the photographs were identical to JACK COFFELT. She advised that JACK COFFELT always wore horn-rimmed glasses as compared to the regular frame glasses as displayed in the one photograph; and in addition, JACK COFFELT did not display the smoking mannerism of having his cigarette dangling from his lips at center mouth as depicted in the other photograph.

She further advised she still has one photo of JACK COFFELT somewhere which she has displayed to the FBI in Honolulu in the past, and she will make it available again for comparative purposes. She stated, however, she will not allow the photograph to be reproduced.

A comparison of this photograph of JACK COFFELT with that of the Bureau artist's conception of "D. B. COOPER" in early 1977 would lead an observer to conclude that the two individuals are not identical.

[redacted] stated she has recently moved, and the photo is in her personal possession somewhere, and she will attempt to locate it for additional comparative purposes.

[redacted] provided a five-page handwritten letter [redacted], California, in which matters concerning JACK COFFELT were discussed. She advised as the letter explains, much of the contents of the letter pertained to a book which COFFELT had written

[redacted] advised that [redacted] with regard to the efforts of one [redacted] of JACK COFFELT's, to obtain the rights to the book written by COFFELT so that the book could be published and subsequently made into a movie. [redacted] further advised that the letter also

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Interviewed on 5/19/78 at Honolulu, Hawaii File # HN 164-85

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/23/78

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Date 9/17/75 *Sub Q*b6
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[redacted], El Paso, Texas, was interviewed at the Chamizal National Memorial, U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, 800 San Marcial, where he is employed [redacted]

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[redacted] by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] who immediately identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] was advised of the purpose of this interview and voluntarily furnished the following information:

On September 10, 1975, he read the article in the El Paso Times, captioned "Suspected Skyjacker Calls Similarity 'Kind of Scary'" with date line, Washington, which reflected that an acquaintance of his, [redacted], might possibly be identical with D. B. COOPER, the airline hijacker who parachuted with \$200,000 ransom money from a Northwest Orient, 727 Jet on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, and was never seen again.

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On September 10, or September 11, 1975, he attempted to contact [redacted] through [redacted] and eventually spoke with [redacted], who stated that "they" were having a hard time remembering what [redacted] did on or about Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, until he [redacted] refreshed her memory.

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On Thursday morning, Thanksgiving Day, date unknown, 1971, at approximately 3 A.M., he drove from his residence at [redacted], Alexandria, Virginia to [redacted] east of Fairfax City, Virginia where he awoke [redacted] and himself were joined by [redacted] and proceeded in [redacted] automobile on Highway 81 or Highway 66 to Gainesville, Virginia, turning off to Route 55, heading west towards

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b7COn 9/15 at El Paso, TexasFile # EP 164-52 *3/*b6
b7Cby SA [redacted]Date dictated 9/17/75

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Marshall, Virginia. They were unable to reach Marshall, due to the heavy snow and traffic tie-ups so they turned around and went back to Hay Market, Virginia on Route 15, stopping at Frostie's Diner at Warrington, Virginia to have coffee. Not being able to get out of the Warrington area to the area they had selected to hunt in, they then proceeded to Quantico, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia and en route on Highway 66, found a car "wrapped around a tree" and deserted. They then proceeded on Highway 66 to Vinthill Farms turn off and proceeded to Quantico.

He noted that it is a requirement in Quantico Marine Base, Quantico, Virginia, that one must register at the Marine Corps Base as a hunter and must receive an instruction at an unrecalled building, prior to hunting. [redacted] on Thanksgiving Day, 1971, at Quantico, Marine Corps Base for hunting at Quantico. He did not see [redacted] during the day inasmuch as [redacted] hunted in one sector of the Marine Corps Base and he hunted in another sector of the base. At the end of the day, [redacted] did return to [redacted] residence together.

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He was then working for Brentwood Maintenance Yard for National Capitol Parks and he did not take the day off and he noted this was the only time he ever hunted in Virginia on Thanksgiving Day.

He noted that he had known [redacted] since approximately 1963 when they [redacted] at Falls Church, Virginia.

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[redacted] moved from Falls Church, Virginia in 1965 to North Madison, Ohio.

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In approximately 1966 to 1967, the [redacted] came to North Madison, Ohio and lived with him until they found a house of their own. While in Ohio, he recommended [redacted] for a job at Cleveland Crane and Engineering and would not recommend [redacted] for another job, inasmuch as [redacted] worked for only a short while before he [redacted] walked out on the job.

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In approximately 1967 or 1968, the [redacted] left Ohio and moved back to Virginia.

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In approximately 1971, [redacted] moved back to Virginia and he noted that in approximately 1973 the [redacted] left Virginia to move out west, possibly Phoenix, Arizona noting that within a few months the [redacted] returned back to Virginia.

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On July 7, 1974, he left Virginia for El Paso, Texas and has not heard from or spoken with [redacted] since that date.

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[redacted] (names unknown), who reside somewhere in Florida and [redacted] has made several trips to visit them.

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The most money he has ever known [redacted] to have was approximately \$1200.

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He believes [redacted] who resides in some unknown town in Oklahoma.

[redacted]
in San Antonio, Texas.

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He noted that [redacted] while there in Ohio, so [redacted] could buy [redacted] did not pay off the note.

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He was exhibited color and black and white artist's conceptions of unknown subject and advised that none of them resembled [redacted] but noted that they best resembled himself if he lost approximately 40 pounds.

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[redacted] is described as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Citizenship:	American
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Place of Birth:	[redacted]
Height:	5 feet 11 inches
Weight:	200 pounds
Scars and Marks:	[redacted]

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Military
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US. Army. Serial Number

[REDACTED]

Honorable.

Discharge:

Military

Specialty:

Present Employer:

[REDACTED]

Department of Interior,
National Park Service,
since April, 1971.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription January 3, 1974

[redacted]
[redacted], was contacted and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent as well as the nature of the inquiry. Subsequent to this, he freely and voluntarily furnished the following information:

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Prior to coming [redacted]
[redacted] he had been [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] prior to and after a hijacking occurred in the northwest section of the United States, approximately 1½ years ago, in which a man known as D. B. COOPER is responsible for that hijacking. [redacted] advised that [redacted] there was a [redacted]

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[redacted] and who prior to the hijacking in which D. B. COOPER is suspected of committing, was frequently [redacted] This man by the name of [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he is positive that this [redacted] just before this hijacking occurred and did not return [redacted] until after the hijacking had occurred. When [redacted] Also after returning [redacted]

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[redacted] done prior to [redacted] remembers that he asked [redacted] what he was going to do when he went on leave and [redacted] laughingly told [redacted]

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SA [redacted]

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by [redacted] Date dictated [redacted]

DB Cooper-31251

164-51-4957

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 5/22/78

[redacted] Roseburg, Oregon, telephone [redacted], was contacted at Burness Oldsmobile, 1735 N.E. Diamond Lake Boulevard, where he is employed [redacted]. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and purpose of the interview prior to his furnishing the following information:

[redacted] was previously employed by Northwest Orient Airlines, [redacted] at Minneapolis, Minnesota, from 1966 through 1972, however during the month of June, 1971, [redacted] during October, 1971, at St. John's Hospital, in Red Wing, Minnesota. He believes that during November, 1971, he was [redacted] which was located at [redacted] Minnesota. He stated he was [redacted] and never did go back to work for Northwest Orient [redacted].

[redacted] stated that he moved to Roseburg, Oregon, in June, 1977, and [redacted], he took a job [redacted] with Burness Oldsmobile, his present position.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	[redacted]
Height	6'
Weight	210 pounds
Hair	Receding in front, dark brown roots mostly graying on top
Characteristics	Wears prescriptive frame glasses
Oregon driver's license number	[redacted]
Residence address	[redacted] Roseburg, Oregon
Telephone	[redacted]

Investigation on 5/22/78 at Roseburg, Oregon File # PD 164-41

by SA [redacted]
SA JERRY G. WILSON/JGW [redacted] Date dictated 5/22/78

DB Cooper-31255

164-81-7962

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/26/75

[redacted] was located at his residence - [redacted], North Mitchfield Beach, South Carolina, at which time he was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] provided the following information:

Although a resident of North Mitchfield Beach he is [redacted] in Miami, Florida. In addition to [redacted] in Beaverton, Oregon, a suburb of Portland, Oregon. Approximately two or three years ago a Beaverton [redacted] in Beaverton, Oregon, and is now possibly hospitalized in the Veteran's Administration (VA) Hospital, Portland, Oregon, [redacted]. At the time [redacted] the [redacted] an individual whom he knows as [redacted] seemed like an exceptionally intelligent man to be [redacted] claimed that it was important that he obtain a good paying job since he was a [redacted]. He stated that he was [redacted]. In addition to claiming [redacted] also claimed to have had [redacted] also claimed to have been employed with a Vancouver, Washington, [redacted]. While with this Vancouver firm he made [redacted] to Alaska.

[redacted] advised that he is very familiar with the sky-jacking of the Northwest Airline Flight from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1971. Last year (September 1974) after he terminated [redacted]

[redacted] he began thinking that [redacted] could quite conceivably be responsible for the hi-jacking of this plane. [redacted] provided the following reasons why he suspected [redacted] of this sky-jacking:

Interviewed on 5/14/75 at North Mitchfield, S. C. File # CO 164-42-35

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/15/75

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CO 164-68

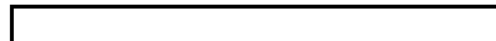
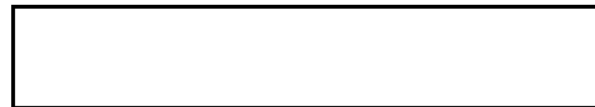
Hair: Dishwater blonde
to brown in color
(full beard)
Eyes: Very blue
Facial Features: Square face



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[redacted]:

retired architect out of Cleveland,
Ohio, currently residing [redacted]
[redacted] in Sugar Loaf Key, Florida;



[redacted] described [redacted] as being extremely intelligent
with an IQ of approximately 150, soft-spoken and a loner. [redacted]
was not a smoker, however, had stated that he had quit smoking
at one time. He appeared to be in rather good physical shape,
however, [redacted]

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[redacted] handles
money very cautiously and does not trust banks. He pays his
bills with cash and protects his private safes or vaults with
[redacted] appears to be the type of individual that

[redacted] never had any social acquaintances although
he frequently talked of having several friends. [redacted] never
used any [redacted] type of curse words, however, would say
goddam or dammit. His voice was very soft spoken or middle
range. His dress when not working was always casual and
very seldom would he wear good clothes.

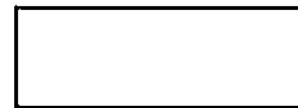
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10-19-78

[redacted]
[redacted], California, was displayed photographs of the following individuals for her possible identification as the hijacker involved in the above-captioned matter, referred to as "D.B. COOPER":

1. Caucasian male, not further identified.
2. [redacted], date of birth [redacted].
3. Caucasian male, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department booking [redacted].
4. [redacted], San Francisco Police Department booking [redacted].
5. Caucasian male, San Diego Police Department (SDPD) booking [redacted].
6. Caucasian male, San Diego County Sheriff's Office booking [redacted].

After viewing the above photographs, she advised that none appeared remotely similar to the individual who had hijacked the Northwest Orient Airlines flight from Seattle, Washington, to Reno, Nevada, on the evening of November 24, 1971.



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Investigation on 10-13-78 at [redacted] California File # SD-164-91

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 10-13-78

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/17/78

[redacted]
[redacted] Northwest Flight 305, on November 25,
1971, viewed a photograph of [redacted]
and advised [redacted] is not identical to the man who
hijacked Flight 305.

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Interviewed on 8/15/78 at Inver Grove Heights, File # MP-164-73-
Minnesota
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/15/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/6/78

[redacted]
[redacted] Northwest Airlines,
Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, was
displayed a photograph of the decal found near
Castle Rock, Washington, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]
[redacted] advised that the photograph
of the decal is identical to Boeing Aircraft Standard
Marker Number BAC27DPA-152. The decal states as follows:

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Emergency Exit Handle, Aft Airstair
to Operate, Open Access Door, Pull on
Red Handle. Lock Wire Will Break When
Handle is Pulled.

This decal is located on the outside of the
aircraft near the rear door.

A facsimile copy of the Boeing Aircraft
Standard Marker Number BAC27DPA-152 was provided. Also
provided by [redacted] were two blueprints for the
location of this decal on the aircraft. Each blueprint
is marked in black ink noting where the decal is located.

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[redacted] advised that the decal came from the
same type of aircraft, that is a Boeing 727, which was
used by D.B. COOPER in the hijacking.

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Interviewed on 12/1/78 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # MP-164-73

by [redacted] Date dictated 12/4/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/6/78

[redacted]
[redacted], Northwest Orient Airlines, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, advised as follows:

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After having been displayed the decal of Boeing Aircraft Company noting the emergency exit handle on the aft airstair, [redacted] advised that the decal probably came off when the stairs were lowered due to the change in air pressure. He recalled that about two days after the hijacking by D. B. COOPER, he and [redacted] took the same aircraft used by COOPER in order to determine whether or not there was a change in pressure at the time he parachuted from the aircraft. [redacted] recalls that he and [redacted] flew out over the ocean and ran their theory and returned to Seattle, Washington. He noted after returning to Seattle, that decals had come off the aircraft and surmised that the decal located near Castle Rock, Washington, would have come off in a similar fashion. After viewing the maps plotting the path taken by COOPER which were located in the office of [redacted], the [redacted] stated that Castle Rock, Washington, is rather close to the path taken by COOPER. He added that if indeed the decal came from the same aircraft used by COOPER, it would have floated about in the air currents much like a leaf and could have found its way near Castle Rock.

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Interviewed on 12/1/78 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # MP-164-73

by [redacted] Date dictated 12/4/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/27/79

[redacted]
[redacted] Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number [redacted], were contacted at their residence.

Both [redacted] were advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and of the nature of the investigation, after which they provided the following information:

The [redacted] stated that the subject, [redacted] of [redacted] Colorado, [redacted]. They stated that after [redacted] had graduated from [redacted] Kentucky, and attended the [redacted] for one semester, he enlisted in the [redacted] which was at the beginning of the Korean War. They stated that [redacted] had spent about [redacted] after which he returned to the United States from Japan and took up residence in Colorado. They stated that [redacted] currently live in [redacted] Colorado, and that [redacted] works for a mining company in the area. They stated that [redacted] had also [redacted] which [redacted]

The [redacted] stated that [redacted], was a [redacted], but to the best of their knowledge, he had not [redacted] and has no experience in flying any large jet type aircraft. They did state, however, that it was their opinion that he was [redacted] and at one time he was [redacted]. They stated that he is an [redacted], very knowledgeable [redacted] and won several awards and letters of appreciation for his [redacted]. They stated also at this time he works at a church affiliated camp somewhere in the mountains of Colorado, exact location unknown.

The [redacted] stated that to the best of their knowledge, they were unaware of any large inheritance which [redacted], may have come in contact with recently and they also stated that due to [redacted] that both he and his wife have had to [redacted].

Investigation on 3/19/79 at Louisville, Kentucky File # LS 164-174

by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 3/22/79

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LS 164-174

[redacted] stated that [redacted]
[redacted] November of 1971. She stated that she could not
remember the exact date, but that she recalled it being some-
where around Thanksgiving. She stated at this time both her and
her husband went out to Colorado and spent something in excess
of a week with [redacted] and after Thanksgiving, they returned
home to Louisville. She stated that [redacted]
[redacted] and that he took a week off from
work during [redacted]

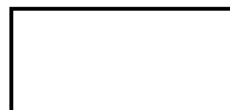
[redacted] She stated that other than
the [redacted] appear to be living a
normal life at this particular time and did not appear to be
in any serious financial trouble.

The [redacted] went on to state that both [redacted]
[redacted] and that neither of them
have been in any trouble to their knowledge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] Russellville, Arkansas, advised that in early June, 1972, he [redacted] of land near Dover, Arkansas. [redacted] gave him [redacted] cash for that property. [redacted] was just moving back to Arkansas from the Tulsa, Oklahoma, area when he purchased that property. He does not know the exact date [redacted] bought the property from him, but does know that it was in early June, 1972.

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Investigation on 11/14/78 at Russellville, Arkansas File # LR 164-22 119
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 11/20/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 5/9/79

On this date, two letters and one envelope were received from the Cricket Theatre located at 345 13th Avenue Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The letters were received from [redacted], an [redacted] at the theatre.

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[redacted] advised that one envelope was lost at the theatre and that it was postmarked Chicago and received on the 10th or 11th of April, 1979. This envelope contained a short typewritten letter addressed to the Cricket Theatre, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and signed "Sincerely yours, [redacted]". This letter was obtained. The second letter and envelope, which were obtained, were addressed to [redacted] and [redacted]. The Cricket Theatre, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The letter was addressed to the Cricket Theatre, Minneapolis, Minnesota. "Dear [redacted] and typewritten signed [redacted]".

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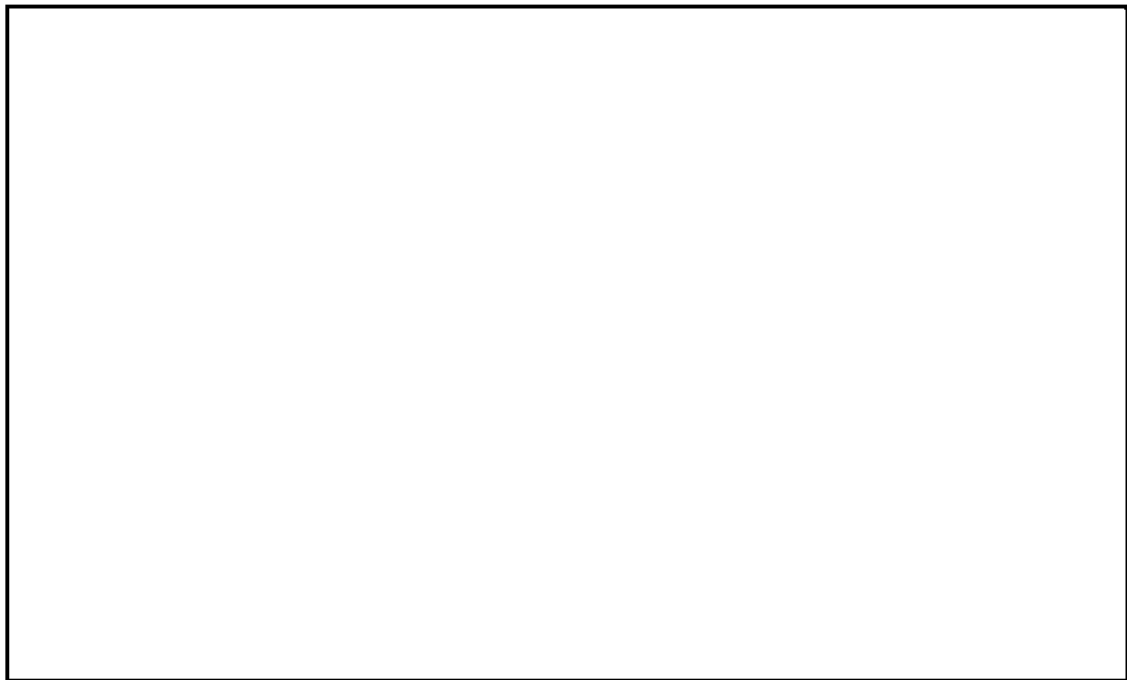
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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/8/79

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/4/72

[redacted] was contacted
at the office of [redacted]
[redacted], Atlanta, Georgia. He made available two
documents, which are described below:



On this document the following notations in
handwriting appear:

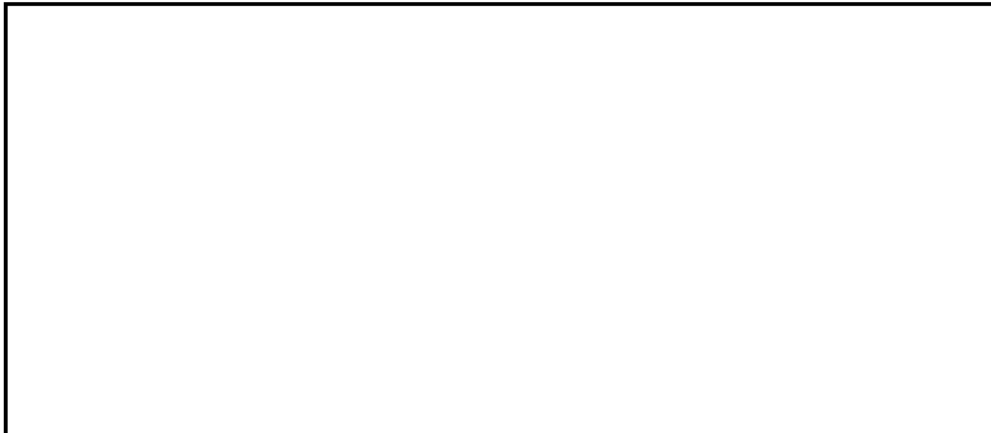
On 5/1/72 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 164-254
by SA [redacted] :jh Date dictated 5/4/72

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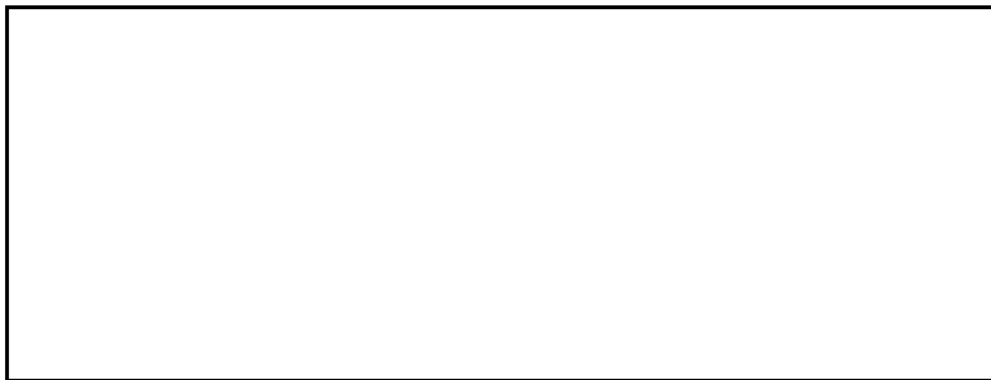
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Beside each handwritten line appeared the initials and , also in handwriting.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

5/4/72

Date

At approximately 4:45 p.m., May 1, 1972, an individual who identified himself as [redacted], telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office of the FBI. He advised he was calling for [redacted], and that he had two documents which [redacted] instructed him to turn over to the FBI.

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He requested to be provided with a receipt for these documents and in order that the receipt might be prepared in advance, he described the documents as follows:

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[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he worked in the office of the [redacted], located on the third floor of the building, located at 52 Fairlie Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

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On 5/1/72 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 164-254
by SA [redacted] jh Date dictated 5/4/72

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

5/5/72

The following described documents were transported by SA [redacted] from Atlanta, Georgia, to Washington, D. C., via Delta Air Lines (DAL).

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At Washington, the documents were turned over to SA [redacted], Documents Section, FBI Laboratory, for appropriate handling and examination.

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(1) [redacted] in hand printing beginning

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Date 5/1/72 at Atlanta, Georgia File Atlanta 164-254 44

by SA [redacted] :jh Date dictated 5/4/72

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164-51-Sub C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 8, 1971

[redacted]
[redacted] was apprised of the identity of Special Agents [redacted] and CHARLES PAUL ROSE and that he was being questioned concerning the hijacking and extortion involving Northwest Airlines flight number 305, Portland to Seattle, on November 24, 1971. In that regard, he read the advice of rights and the advice of rights was read to him. [redacted] executed a waiver of rights and furnished the following information:

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On [redacted] left [redacted]
[redacted] driving his 1970 Maverick and drove directly
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He left [redacted] driving
to [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] he
visited [redacted]
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On [redacted] he, along with [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] names not now recalled.

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[redacted] drove

On 12/6/71 at [redacted], Georgia File # Atlanta 164-254 -9

by SA [redacted]
SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE [initials] CPR:jwu Date dictated 12/7/71

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DB Cooper-31272

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/23/71

On December 17, 1971, LONNIE FORREST COOPER, 411 Adams Street advised that he in fact does recall a hijacking of an airline from Portland, Oregon to Seattle, Washington sometime during Thanksgiving weekend of 1971, however had no information whatsoever regarding this hijacking.

COOPER recalls staying at Little America, Wyoming on the night of November 24, 1971 and eating Thanksgiving dinner at Cheyenne, Wyoming the following day. He stated that [] were with him at all times and [] felt quite amused to the fact that he happened to have the same name as the hijacker, namely COOPER.

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The following is a description of LONNIE FORREST COOPER as obtained and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	February 1, 1946
Place of birth	Evansville, Indiana
Height	5' 5
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Brown, crewcut
Eyes	Hazel
Occupation	Drill Instructor Fort Dix, New Jersey United States Army Staff Sergeant E-6
Rank	
United States	
Army Service Number	RA 1676517
Social Security Account	
Number	310-46-7415
Permanent home of record	411 Adams Street Evansville, Indiana

COOPER viewed a artist conception drawing of the alleged hijacker, real name unknown, alias DAN COOPER and stated that this individual did not look familiar to him.

Interviewed on 12/17/71 at Evansville, Indiana File # IP 164-62 - 23

by SA [] -jld Date dictated 12/20/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/23/71

[redacted] advised that she [redacted] Staff Sergeant (E-6) LONNIE FORREST COOPER who is currently a United States Army Drill Instructor at Company C, Fourth Battalion, Third Brigade, USATCI, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]
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[redacted] LONNIE COOPER, attended Army OCS class at Fort Benning, Georgia from September, 1971 through February, 1972. [redacted] the OCS class but due to bad hearing was dismissed from the class sometime in late October of 1971 and he returned to Evansville, Indiana [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] recalled hearing an incident regarding a hijack of an airplane between Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington on November 24, 1971 while they were traveling [redacted] She specifically recalls staying [redacted] on the night of November 24, 1971 and eating Thanksgiving dinner [redacted] on Thanksgiving Day of 1971.

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[redacted] viewed a artist conception drawing of a hijacker, whose true name is unknown using the alias DAN COOPER

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Interviewed on 12/15/71 at Evansville, Indiana File # IP 164-62 - 22

by SAs [redacted] *RJE* RJE-jld Date dictated 12/20/71

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IP 164-62

and stated that this was definitely not .

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/26/73

[redacted], was advised of the identity of SA [redacted] as being a Special Agent of the FBI. [redacted] was told he would be interviewed regarding his whereabouts on November 24, 1971, [redacted] individual who had hijacked an airplane at Portland, Oregon, on November 24, 1971. [redacted] was given a form captioned, "Interrogation; Advice of Rights", which he read, said he understood, but which he did not need to sign as he said he would willingly furnish any information. [redacted] then advised as follows:

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He knows nothing about the hijacking of an airplane in Portland, Oregon, on November 24, 1971. At that time, he had been working [redacted]

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The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name
Race
Sex
Residence
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Military Service

[redacted]
White
Male
[redacted]
5'9"
160 pounds
Brown
Hazel
U. S. Navy, [redacted]
Navy Service Number [redacted]

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Arrest Record
Marital Status

[redacted]

Interviewed on 4/24/73 at Muncie, Indiana File # IP 164-62 - 98
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/25/73

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription December 7, 1973

[redacted] Anderson, Indiana, advised [redacted] for Eastern Air Lines. She further stated that he did not have [redacted]

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[redacted] stated [redacted] who now lived in Chesterfield, Indiana. [redacted]

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[redacted] She further advised only [redacted] was approximately [redacted]. To her knowledge only [redacted].

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When shown the photograph of the artist's conception of the man known as D. B. COOPER, [redacted] stated it did not remind her of anyone she knew, and did not look like any of [redacted].

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File #

[redacted] SE 164-81
IP 164-62 -93by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 12/6/73b6
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription December 7, 1973

[redacted] Chesterfield, Indiana, was interviewed at [redacted], Anderson, Indiana. He advised he had [redacted] and did not know anyone by that name. He said he [redacted]:

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[redacted] he said [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had [redacted] had ever been a commercial pilot. Other than [redacted] had ever parachuted and he did it only once.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] think any of them had ever been in the Seattle area.

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When shown the photograph of the artist's conception of D. B. COOPER, [redacted] stated it did not look like any of [redacted] said also that the name D. B. COOPER meant nothing to him.

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Interviewed on 12/3/73 at Anderson, Indiana File # SE 164-81
IP 164-62-92
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/6/73

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164-81-Sub A

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1972

[redacted] Iowa Des Moines National Bank, recalls from her records that on April 3, 1972, an individual identifying himself as BILLIE LEE MC GILL appeared at [redacted] Iowa Des Moines National Bank. He purchased a \$3,000.00 cashier's check, number 24655, dated April 3, 1972, in amount \$3,000.00. In payment, he turned over to [redacted] a cashier's check dated March 28, 1972, drawn on the Iowa Des Moines National Bank in amount of \$3,251.68. [redacted] gave him the \$251.68 difference in cash.

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[redacted] recalls nothing relative to MC GILL other than he was very sloppy in his appearance and appeared to be a "bum". [redacted] could furnish no further information relative to the transaction.

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On 4/12/72 at Des Moines, Iowa File # OM 149-179 - 25
by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] JCH:cas Date dictated 4/18/72

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164-81-Sub Q

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1972

[redacted] Iowa Des Moines National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, advised a review of her records reflects that on March 38, 1972, an individual identifying himself as BILLIE LEE MC GILL appeared at [redacted], Iowa Des Moines National Bank, and purchased a cashier's check in amount \$3,251.68. As payment for the cashier's check, MC GILL cashed cashier's check number 0329-38127, in amount \$3,651.68, drawn on the Los Angeles International Airport Branch of the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association. [redacted] recalls that she paid MC GILL in cash for the difference, \$400.00.

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[redacted] recalls the transaction but is unable to furnish any information relative to the physical description of MC GILL.

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On 4/12/72 at Des Moines, Iowa File # OM 149-179 26
by SA [redacted] JH:cas Date dictated 4/18/72

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1972

[redacted], Iowa Des Moines National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, advised records of the Iowa Des Moines National Bank reflect that on March 28, 1972, an individual identifying himself as BILLIE LEE MC GILL came to the Iowa Des Moines National Bank and purchased a bank cashier's check in the amount of \$3,251.68. In payment for the cashier's check, MC GILL presented a cashier's check number 0329-38127, in amount \$3,651.68, dated March 14, 1972, drawn on the Los Angeles National Airport Branch of the Bank of America, National Trust and Savings Association, Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles, California. MC GILL obtained the \$400.00 difference in cash.

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MC GILL returned to the bank on April 3, 1972, and cashed the below described cashier's check in amount \$3,251.68 and with the proceeds purchased another cashier's check, number 24655, in amount \$3,000.00. He obtained the difference, \$251.68, in cash.

[redacted] advised that the bank made payment on the \$3,000.00 cashier's check on April 11, 1972.

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[redacted] advised that at the time MC GILL purchased the \$3,251.68 cashier's check he dealt with [redacted], Iowa Des Moines National Bank.

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At the time he cashed this check and purchased the \$3,000.00 cashier's check described above, he had contact with [redacted].

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[redacted] suggested contacting [redacted] and [redacted] for further information relative to these transactions.

On 4/12/72 at Des Moines, Iowa File # OM 149-179 2 7

by SA [redacted] *WELJH:cas* Date dictated 4/18/72

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1972

[redacted]
[redacted], Des Moines, Iowa, advised he is acquainted with BILLIE LEE MC GILL.

He stated that MC GILL appeared at his office for a very brief period of time during late March or early April, 1972, and visited with him for a few moments. [redacted] stated that MC GILL was very highly intoxicated and almost incoherent. He stated that he has known MC GILL to have a problem with his legs but could not furnish the exact nature of the problem. He stated that MC GILL made no statements to him relative to any hijacking or any parachuting accident. He stated that he has no information relative to any amount of money in MC GILL's possession and he has no idea as to MC GILL's present whereabouts.

He stated that MC GILL merely visited him for a few moments and then left his office. He advised that MC GILL was very "shabby" in his appearance and [redacted] felt that he, MC GILL, had really gone down hill with his alcoholic problem.

[redacted] stated that MC GILL did work for the Pharmacy Board, but could not furnish exact dates of MC GILL's employment without referring to records which are presently unavailable to him. He stated, however, that MC GILL was employed by the board during 1964 when [redacted] took over the position [redacted] and that [redacted] finally [redacted] during 1970, in that MC GILL had developed a severe alcoholic problem.

[redacted] has had very little contact with MC GILL since that time and feels that MC GILL has maintained residence somewhere in California with relatives. [redacted] could furnish no information relative to MC GILL's whereabouts on November 24, 1971, but does not feel he was in Des Moines, Iowa, area as of that time.

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by SA [redacted] *JE* LJM:cas Date dictated 4/18/72

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1972

[redacted], Attorney, 510 Insurance Exchange Building, Des Moines, Iowa, furnished the following information;

[redacted], who is [redacted], was contacted on April 3, 1972, by BILLIE LEE MC GILL. MC GILL contacted [redacted] for the purpose of having [redacted] prepare a will for him.

[redacted] was reluctant to discuss the will and his association with MC GILL in view of his attorney - client relationship with MC GILL.

He assured interviewing Agents, however, that MC GILL contacted him for the sole purpose of the preparation of a will, and that the will was a very "simple" will with minor assets. [redacted] charged MC GILL \$20.00 for preparation of the will and has not seen him since that time.

[redacted] refused to furnish any further information relative to this matter.

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by SA [redacted] L.JH:cas Date dictated 4/18/72

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164-51-Sub Q

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1972

[redacted], Iowa Bureau of Narcotics, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa, provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he vaguely recalls the name BILLIE MC GILL as being an individual formerly employed by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, Division of Narcotics, prior to the time that he, [redacted], assumed [redacted] of the recently formed Iowa Bureau of Narcotics. [redacted] stated that he has no personnel files or other documents relating to former employees of the [redacted], Division of Narcotics, even though some of these individuals are now employed as Special Agents in the Iowa Bureau of Narcotics. He advised that Special Agent [redacted], Iowa Bureau of [redacted], might recall BILLIE MC GILL inasmuch as [redacted] was employed by the [redacted] Division of Narcotics, at approximately the same time that MC GILL was similarly employed.

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On 4/12/72 at Des Moines, Iowa File # OM 149-179-51
by SA [redacted] JJM:cas Date dictated 4/18/72

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1972

[redacted]
[redacted] Veterans Administration Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa, provided Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital file number C19-339-194 concerning BILLIE L. MC GILL, Social Security Account Number 371-24-4292. A review of this file revealed the following information:

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BILLIE L. MC GILL, white male, religion protestant, Social Security Account Number 371-24-4292, United States Army from November 10, 1950 to November 10, 1952, United States Army serial number 55046287, admitted to the VA Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa, June 5, 1963, for five days for treatment for seminal vesiculitis, referred by personal physician [redacted]

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MC GILL released from VA Hospital, June 17, 1963, indicating his date of birth to be September 24, 1928, and showing a current residence at that time of [redacted]
[redacted], Des Moines, Iowa, in care of [redacted]
[redacted]

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Further review of VA file C19-339-194, indicates MC GILL to have been admitted on March 19, 1972, and that "nursing notes" in this file indicate the following:

Age 44, date of birth September 24, 1928, marital status divorced, eyes - wears glasses, vision 20-200 right and left eye, 6'0" 165 pounds, habits: smokes two packages of cigarettes per day, employment - unemployed, symptoms - "has pedal edema pains in midcalf and excessive use of alcohol."

This file noted that MC GILL was released on March 19, 1972, after being treated for pains in leg and cirrhosis of the liver, noting the following information:

Father - JOHN COSGRIFF, 800 North Hidalgo, Alhambra, California, BETTY COSGRIFF - sister, telephone 276-6680, occupation - narcotics agent, personal physician - [redacted]

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b7COn 4/12/72 at Des Moines, IowaFile # OM 149-179-30by SA [redacted] :cas

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The last item noted in VA file number C19-339-194 indicates that BILLIE LEE MC GILL called the VA Hospital facilities in Des Moines, Iowa, on April 3, 1972, at approximately 7:45 a.m., however did not report for an appointment which had been scheduled on that day.

[] concluded after providing the aforementioned records that he, personally, could provide no additional information concerning MC GILL and that MC GILL is unknown to him as a regular patient or outpatient at the VA Hospital facility in Des Moines, Iowa.

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